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Dear Mr. Lazar:

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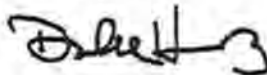
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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
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Enclosure(s)

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information regarding Chicago File Number 100-36671 (Serials 181 - End of File) (Sections 2 and 3). These sections have been processed pursuant to the provisions for the FOIA and all available information is enclosed with this letter.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32906)

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FROM: SA [redacted] cu

SUBJECT: JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS OF CHICAGO

On 1/30/62, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] a handwritten report dated 1/27/62 concerning a meeting of the Cardoza Cultural Club held on 1/26/62 at the residence of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. 4 y

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Chicago, Ill.

The Cardoza Cultural Club held its regular meeting on Friday night January 26, 1962, at the home of [redacted]
[redacted] The following attended:

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[redacted] opened the meeting. [redacted]
[redacted] was discussed. If we can get a hall for either February 17 or 23 we will call [redacted] and book her.

The Heusinger Mass Meeting on February 25 at the Sherman Hotel was discussed. [redacted] announced that [redacted] will be a speaker also [redacted] Tickets were distributed.

The meeting for [redacted] on February 2 at 32 West Randolph was also discussed. Everyone was urged to attend.

[redacted] introduced [redacted] who lead the discussion on the history and significance of the Birch Society and their ilk.

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SUBJECT: JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS OF CHICAGO

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Chicago, Ill.

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The Cardozo Cultural Clubs met at the home of [redacted] at [redacted]. The following were present, this meeting was held on January 26, 1962:

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[redacted] opened the meeting and made several announcements, among them trying to get [redacted] the club will try and get a hall, and getting her to speak once again.

The mass meeting for the Heusinger meeting was announced and everyone was urged to attend. [redacted] meeting on February 2, 1962, at [redacted] also everyone is invited to come.

[redacted] introduced [redacted] who gave a report on the John Birch Society.

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Methods 'Parallel Communism'

Challenged Speaker Blasts Birch Society

Gordon Hall, whose speaking engagements in Rockford Tuesday admittedly "created some undercurrents" including anonymous phone calls and threats of cancellation, took the stage for the Rockford Women's Club and blasted away at the John Birch Society for what he termed "Patriotism on the Radical Right."

Hall introduced his hour-long talk by declaring:

"I have a high regard and great affection for conservatism, I'm going to talk about movements that have gone beyond conservatism but use that label — those beyond conservatism that divide our country at a time when we need unity."

His talk and a display of pamphlets and publications on stage divided these radical right groups into four categories:

1. Organizations that claim to be conservative and anti-Communist, such as the John Birch Society.

2. Those that concentrate on attacks against churches and religions, attacking groups such as



Gordon Hall, Boston, lecturer on extremist organizations and activities in the United States, talks with Mrs. Leroy W. Esten, Rockford Woman's Club program chairman, prior to his talk before the club Tuesday. (Register-Republic staff photo)

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the National Council of Churches, Jews, Catholics.

3. So-called "states' rights" groups which he described as sometimes nothing more than segregationists and anti-Negro factions in disguise.

4. The most extreme of the lot—movements which feel the entire internal system is broken down and that we need a completely new system—"namely the Fascist-Nazi system."

Hall qualified the categories by adding that there are legitimate anti-Communist groups, states' rights groups and others and these were not the ones he was concerned with.

Returning to the John Birch Society, he declared that its claim to be conservative and anti-Communist is disproved in all that it does and stands for.

He pointed to similarities in the Birch Society and the Communist movement. Both, he said, are violently opposed to NATO—the Birch Society because it believes NATO is Communist controlled; and the Communists because they believe NATO is an opponent and a block to communism.

He read from the "Blue Book" of the Birch Society a section suggesting the organization of front organizations of the society under different disguising names.

"This is a characteristic of the Communist party," Hall declared, "not of conservatives but of totalitarian movements."

He blamed attempts to cancel his speaking engagements throughout the country on the Birch Society. True conservatives would not try to do this, he said. "Freedom is a basic part of conservatism — a belief in the Bill of Rights and in freedom of speech."

"There are approximately 1,000 extremist groups operating in the United States," Hall declared. "Not conservative groups, but well-meaning, patriotic, irresponsible groups."

"The way to cope with them," he said, "is to raise the level of public opinion. . . separate the con-

servatives from the extremists, the liberals from the Communists."

"We have a spy problem, yes, but I think it is over-rated."

We withstood the Nazis and the Axis powers, and I would suggest that security agencies of government are the way to chase this down."

"We're not all experts on tuberculosis and medicine but it doesn't take five minutes to become an expert on communism. All you have to be is against it."

Hall declared that "We are secure. We are secure from within, although there are Communists boring away at us. But this is a job for (J. Edgar) Hoover and the FBI."

"I think we should question the

judgments of people, but not their loyalties."

Mrs. Harold Johnson, president of the Rockford Women's Club, introduced Hall with indications, but no direct statement, of opposition to his appearance.

She said that in the club's recurring problems "we might have more than the usual problem. But in 60 years we have never been dictated to by any one community group."

Hall's afternoon talk for the Women's Club was followed by one that evening in the Jewish Community Center for the Rockford Civic Federation. Both organizations, he said, chose the same topic from his selection of talks on extremist groups and action.

Cleric Warns Catholics on Birch Group

CLEVELAND (UPI)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Carney said Friday that Robert Welch's estimate that 40 per cent of John Birch Society members are Roman Catholics indicated "an appalling ignorance of many Catholics of the social teaching of the Catholic Church."

Msgr. Carney, director of the Institute of Social Education at St. John College in Cleveland, said Catholic members of the society should spend their time reading Pope John's encyclical on social progress rather than the Birch Society's blue book.

"THE John Birch Society," he said, "in the principles and practices which it advocates stands in open opposition to Catholic social principles and practices."

He warned Catholics to dissociate themselves from a group that "eventually may prove unpatriotic, despite its pretense of patriotism."

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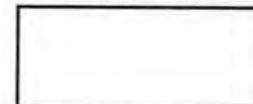
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Birch, Papal Doctrines Clash, Says Priest

Why Catholics Join Society Puzzles Editor

BY DAVE MEADE

Daily News Religion Writer

WHY ARE so many Catholics tagging along with the Birchites?"

The question is raised by the Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S.J., associate editor of America, a national Catholic weekly magazine published by Jesuit priests.

Father Masse points out in the magazine's Feb. 17 issue that the socio-economic doctrines of the John Birch Society are just the opposite of those of the popes for the last 70 years.

He believes Roman Catholics may have been attracted to the far-right society by its founder's claim that it stands for "a better world."

This idea has "heavy spiritual overtones," Father Masse says, and it "may be one reason why some Catholics, including a sprinkling of the clergy, have found Mr. Welch's leadership sound and inspiring."

ROBERT WELCH, retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer who founded the John Birch Society in Indianapolis in 1958, wrote the controversial "Blue Book" that outlined his program of opposing communism.

The society has been censured—"for the most part justifiably," Father Masse notes—for "adopting dubiously moral means to achieve its laudable objective; for inflicting grave damage on the nation's unity and morale."

Principles Not Developed

Aside from its methods, what about the things it stands for? The Catholic writer says the Blue Book, "the bible of the Birchites," doesn't develop these in detail.

But he asserts, "It does say enough, however, to raise a

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serious question about the propriety, to put it mildly, of Catholic membership in the society."

Father Masse adds that "it is impossible, in a crucial respect, to reconcile the John Birch Society's 'constructive replacement' for collectivism with the social doctrine of the Catholic Church."

He particularly takes issue with Welch's emphasis on "less government" as a keystone of "constructive replacement."

"Are we in the presence of still another sincere but misguided attempt to refurbish the immoral and discredited economic liberalism of the 19th Century?" he asks.

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THE PRIEST-EDITOR outlines several points of "Blue Book" doctrine, among them an attack on government as a "necessary evil" and a defense of the "completely free market."

Then he cites the social encyclicals of three popes—Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum," Pius XI's "Quadragesimo Anno" and John XXII's recent "Mater et Magistra"—to refute the Birchite concepts.

He quotes Pope Leo regarding government: "Man's natural instinct moves him to live in civil society. . . . Hence, every civilized community must have a ruling authority, and this authority, no less than society itself, has its source in nature, and consequently has God for its author."

2 Positions Unreconcilable

"Obviously," Father Masse writes, "that doctrine cannot be reconciled with Mr. Welch's teaching that government is a 'necessary evil.' God is not the author of evil, necessary or otherwise."

Pope Pius later praised social legislation even though it interfered with the operation of a free market, according to the America editor.

These early laws dealt with industrial accident prevention, involuntary unemployment, wages and hours of work, protection of women and children.

Father Masse quotes Pius' words that "free competition, while justified and certainly useful provided it is kept within certain limits, clearly cannot direct economic life . . ."

"MR. WELCH is espousing doctrines which the church rejected 70 years ago," Father Masse says.

And today, he adds, Pope John "exhorts states . . . to bring about a better balance between rich and poor, between farm regions and metropolitan centers, between developed and undeveloped countries. . . ."

"Far from accepting Mr. Welch's thesis that there is no middle ground between the completely free market (laissez-faire capitalism) on the one hand, and collectivism, socialism and communism on the other, Pope John believes just the opposite.

"He goes so far as to say that 'systems of social insurance and social security can contribute effectively to the redistribution of national income according to standards of justice and equity.'"

"There is, then, an open and flagrant contradiction between the socio-economic teaching of Robert Welch and that of Leo XIII and all his successors."

"This being so, the question must be asked, in all honesty and charity: Why are so many Catholics tagging along with the Birchites?"

In a companion article, Russell Kirk, conservative author and educator, says Welch "has done more to injure the cause of responsible conservatism than to act effectively against communism."

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On January 30, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] Issue Number 1 dated January, 1962, of the 'Cardozo Club News. 4

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"CARDOZO CLUB NEWS

ISSUE Number 1.
JANUARY 1962

This is the first 'Newsletter' of the Cardoza Cultural Club.

We are starting a new year of activity and we hope to put this newsletter out regularly. Our intention is to bring news and information to our members and friends regarding developments in our own community - country - and throughout the world.

Let us have your ideas for a name for our newsletter.

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We of Rogers Park area were shocked and horrified at the bombing of the synagogue right here on Devon Avenue.

The smearing of swastikas and bombing of synagogues is beginning to recur again. Positive action to stop this Nazi-like activity must be taken. Have we not suffered too much already to allow the Nazis to start their activity in our own community?

The Cardoza Club is ready at all times to cooperate with our neighbors to protect our liberties.

In our next newsletter we shall keep you informed of other news and activity.

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Keep in mind our Rummage Sale in March - our combined effort with the Rogers Park Emma Lazarus Club -- and bring all merchandise to 'FARMILANT's' basement... 1117 West Columbus Avenue.

You are cordially invited to attend the Cardoza Cultural Club's meeting

Friday, January 26th, 8:00 PM

at the home of the 'JOFFE'S'
6530 N. Newgard Avenue

A round-table discussion has been planned around the history and significance of the Birch Society and their ilk.

MRS. CELE FARMILANT will lead the discussion.

Please come - be prepared to participate - and bring friends.

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FRATERNAL NOTES

Brother MILTON LEWIS is recuperating from surgery - GET WELL SOON MILT.

Sister CELE KOLEN is 'taking it easy' at HOME after a stay at Edgewater Hospital due to a nasty fall on the ice. Glad to see you are on the mend Cele... STAY WELL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IRWIN SCHWARTZ' upon the graduation of their daughter Terry from grade school the end of this month. Best Wishes for much nachus from your children Irwin and Sylvia.

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HOLD THAT DATE OPEN:

SUNDAY, FEB. 25th MASS MEETING under the auspices
of CHICAGO ANTI-HEUSINGER COMMITTEE.....at the BAL
TABARIN ROOM OF THE SHERMAN. This room hold 1,000 and
we must fill it - so start your activity as of right now."

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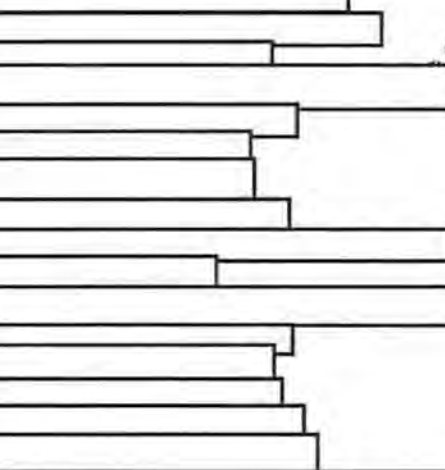
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Feb. 3, 1962
Chicago, Ill.

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights held a meeting on Feb. 2, 1962 at 32 W. Randolph St., the chairman for the evening was [redacted]

Some of the people who were present:



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[redacted] of Mine, Mill and Smelters Union gave a brief report on what is happening in his union. He stated the union had been accused of having Communists in it and several times he has gone to the Supreme Court and disproved the statement. The Steel Workers Union has been trying to take over, so far nothing has happened.

[redacted] spoke about how the majority of the people in the U.S. live in fear of the HUAC and there should be no fear, and that the people on the extreme right are more dangerous than the Communists and sooner or later this menace of the Birch Society must be put in its place.

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[redacted] made an appeal for funds. A small collection was made and a total not to exceed more than \$300.00 was taken in.

[redacted] the main speaker, was next and told of his experiences in a federal prison. [redacted] and [redacted] will tour the country and will speak on the "Bill of Rights". He said there is a ground well among the people to abolish the HUAC, also that the youth in the country are recognizing the dangers of the aforementioned committee and that his term in prison was not in vain.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-37762)

DATE: *2-26-62* *4*

FROM : SA *4*

SUBJECT: CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS
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On February 9, 1962, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA a handwritten report dated February 3, 1962, concerning a meeting of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) held on February 2, 1962, at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. *4*

The original of this information is located in A) and is as follows: *4*

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Chicago, Feb. 3, 1962

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights held a meeting on Friday night, Feb. 2, 1962, at the Masonic Temple, 32 W. Randolph. The following people were some of those who attended:

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[REDACTED] was chairman of the meeting.

[REDACTED] of the Mill Smelters Union was the first speaker. He said the Walter-McCarran Act and the Smith Act must be repealed. His union has been unjustly accused of being Communist infiltrated. The Steel Workers Union is trying to wreck his union.

Next speaker was [REDACTED] He said the biggest evil we have is fear. The extreme rightists are putting fear into everyone. The extreme rightists are just as dangerous if not more than the extreme left. We know what to expect of the Communists, but not of the Birchers and their kind.

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[redacted] made the appeal for funds.
About \$300.00 in small contributions were collected.
Big donations were announced by [redacted]

[redacted] was the main speaker. He had just been released from prison the day before. He said he learned a lot in prison. He did a lot of reading and studying. If he had to do it again he would do it again. He said that the HUAC must be disbanded and if everyone works they will be. He and [redacted] will go on a vast speaking tour all over the country. He said he was very happy that the youth of the country has become very interested in the cause.

There were about 10 F.A.N. present.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (65-645)

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS - SWP

DATE: MARCH 14, 1962

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EXTENDED BY... SP1 GSK/DA 2/14/80
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
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On February 5, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by mail provided SA [REDACTED] with typewritten information pertaining to a meeting of the Chicago Branch SWP held January 28, 1962, in Chicago. qu

The original of this information is filed in A [REDACTED] and is as follows: qu

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None.

1 - A [REDACTED]
1 - 100-38884 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-38874 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-35847 [REDACTED]
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1 - 100-36671 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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January 29, 1962
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] LNU (White male, dark hair, bald on top, brown eyes, wears glasses. Slightly built, about 125 pounds. He seemed to be a contact of [redacted] This is the same person reported as joining the FPCC at the last city-wide meeting).

This meeting was a combined SWP-YSA educational. [redacted] was chairman and [redacted] gave the presentation on "The Rise and Fall of McCarthyism in America".

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[] reported on the witch-hunting during the rise of McCarthyism. He said MC CARTHY was a grand-stander and played up to the middle class to win his following. He also elaborated on the reactionary right-wing Birch society which is now reviving the witch hunt. [] is seeking to build up a reactionary movement, and already had a mass rally with an audience of several thousand on the West Coast. This movement is now moving eastward. A rally will be held here in Chicago to capture the midwest fascists and right wing elements. [] [] said the liberals are stymied and do not know how to fight the right-wingers.

He spoke against the evils of capitalism which foster the fascists movements, and seek to destroy the trade unions. He further accused reactionary rightists of resorting to insidious, unscrupulous, and violent actions to further their objectives. However, it has not, as yet, reached the point of street gang fights, neither do we have a full blown "brown shirt" organization.

After [] finished his presentation, a discussion took place. Those who took part in the discussion were [] [] [] [] [] LNU, and [] LNU. Also [] []

[] reported the development of a right wing organization on the West Coast, led by such big Hollywood stars as JOHN WAYNE and RONALD REAGAN. There are neighborhood groups which meet regularly to discuss communism. This organization was one of the sponsors of [] meeting.

[] discussed the development of fascism in a capitalist society. Fascism occurs when capitalism shrinks. This is what happened in Germany, the outcome of which was anti-Semitic.

[] LNU asked if the Ku Klux Klan was similar to fascism in the oppression of Negro workers in the south. [] answered that this seems to be an elementary basis of fascism. The question was then raised, if there was a strong fascist force in the north, would the KKK in the south unite in action. [] said he believes this is true.

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[] LNU asked a question concerning the demonstration of [] meeting. [] answered, quite firmly, that no demonstration has been planned, only discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (It started at 7:30 p.m.).

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-38188)

DATE: 1-26-62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: GARFIELD CLUB
CP OF ILLINOIS
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On 1/2/62 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished written information to SA [REDACTED] concerning a meeting of the Garfield Club, CP of Illinois, aka the 29th Ward Club, CP of Illinois, which was held on 12/8/61 at the residence of [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. Q U

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The original of this information is maintained in Chicago File A [REDACTED] and is as follows: Q U

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- 1 - 100-13967 [REDACTED]
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- 1 - 100-12553 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-17808 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-37582 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-18080 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-23473 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-23273 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-17769 (CP FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-37059 (GREATER LAWDALE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE)
- 1 - 100-12424 (MODERN BOOK STORE)
- 1 - 100- (CHOPIN CULTURE CENTER)
- 1 - 100- (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
- 1 - 100-38809 (CP, USA vs. SACB)

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December 20, 1961
Chicago, Illinois

A meeting of the Garfield Park Branch or 29th Ward Branch of the Communist Party was held on Friday evening, December 8, 1961, at the home of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

Present were [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] opened the meeting by announcing that henceforth no dues collections would be made at this or any future meeting of the Branch, but that members would be visited in their homes by either himself or [redacted] and the money thus collected would be turned over to [redacted] as the dues secretary for final accounting. The reason for this procedure, [redacted] announced was obvious to all and no further explanation need be given. All the members present were in agreement with this procedure to be carried out.

[redacted] next gave a short report on neighborhood activities centering mainly around the activities carried out by the Neighborhood Block Committees organized under the Greater Lawndale Block Committees, and the forthcoming opening of a Central headquarters in the Lawndale area where members of these block committees can congregate and discuss their various problems as they relate to their given area.

[redacted] further stated that the campaign to smear his good name and reputation through his activities in these block committees by the MABLEY newspaper stories in the press had backfired and that the people generally in the neighborhood were behind him in his endeavors for the betterment of the Greater Lawndale area.

[redacted] next announced that plans for a New Year's Party Celebration were completed and leaflets were passed around giving time and place for this party for the benefit of the Modern Book Store, 56 East Chicago Avenue, to be held at the Chopin Center, 1547 North Leavitt, Sunday, December 31, 1961. All members were urged to attend this benefit party.

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[redacted] next introduced [redacted] to give a report on the MC CARRAN Act. [redacted] stated that the Internal Security Act requires the Party to file a registration statement listing the names and addresses of all members during the last twelve months, a record of all financial transactions in the last year, and the description of all printing equipment under the control of the Party or its members. The law also deprives the organization of any tax exemptions, makes it a crime for its members to apply for a passport, bars them from government and defense jobs, and requires the organization to label its mail and publications. The law provides a fine of \$10,000 for every day the Party fails to register; five years in prison will be imposed and for every day a member sits in prison who has not registered, five years per day will be added. To enforce this law would establish a precedent for destroying every vestige of American democracy and rob Americans of those freedoms which have contributed most to the greatness of our country.

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This is the first time in American history that a political party has been summoned into a criminal court and this [redacted] went on to say will benefit the JOHN BIRCH Society and other right-wing groups in this country as being especially useful to them as a club they use against even the Democrat and Republican Party once the Communist Party has been disposed of.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (65-645)
FROM: SA [redacted] *Qu*
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS - SWP

DATE: MAR 7, 1962

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ON 3-4-92

On February 9, 1962, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by mail provided SA [redacted] with typewritten information pertaining to a meeting of the Chicago Branch SWP held February 4, 1962, in Chicago. *Qu*

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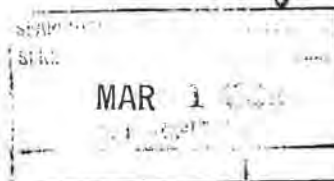
The original of this information is maintained in Chicago file A) [redacted] and is as follows: *Qu*

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None.

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(1 - 65-2054 [redacted])
(1 - 100-11329 CORE)
(1 - 100-8261 NAACP)
(1 - 100-34875 [redacted])
(1 - 100-15797 [redacted])
(1 - 100-30509 AMERICAN FRIENDS
SERVICE COMMITTEE)
(1 - 100-37762 CCDBR)
(1 - 100-38382 [redacted])
(1 - 100-1513 [redacted])
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(1 - 100-20816 [redacted])
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February 5, 1962
Chicago, Illinois

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Sunday, February 4, 1962, a regular meeting of the CBSWP was held at 302 South Canal Street. There were 10 members present. They are as follows:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ON 3-4-88

In addition, [REDACTED] came in at the end of the meeting.

[REDACTED] acted as chairman and [REDACTED] as secretary.

Minutes were read by [REDACTED] and approved by the branch.

Correspondence was a letter from [REDACTED] announcing a new Negro discussion bulletin available read by [REDACTED]

EC report was given by [REDACTED]. Suspension charges against [REDACTED] will be heard at the next EC meeting. [REDACTED] works seven nights a week so will be unable to attend. However, he will be asked to send someone to represent him by proxy. [REDACTED] said he has a copy of the SWP constitution, and [REDACTED] asked if he might read it. [REDACTED] said he could. Motion to approve the report carried.

A report on the U. of Chicago sit-in demonstrations was given by [REDACTED]. He said CORE is leading the demonstrations. The U. of C. NAACP has disbanded and joined CORE to aid

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in the sit-ins. [] was asked to participate in the sit-in, and agreed even with the threat of expulsion. [] said he had talked with [] and decided to leave the decision up to []. He indicated that [] was taking part in the demonstration tonight and would probably spend all night in the corridor of the administration office. In the discussion, [] protested [] participation on the grounds that he is the only YSA member on the U. of C. campus and can't afford, politically, to be expelled. [] countered this protest by saying that all comrades know that there are a certain amount of risks involved in any revolutionary movement. If we all took this attitude we would not be revolutionists. After lengthy discussion by [] the report was approved.

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Fund report was given by []. He reported that a new fund drive is to begin March 1st to increase the "Militant" to 8 pages. A lot of valuable material was gathered by [] on his South American tour, and he is now in Paris at a meeting. Funds are needed to make these political developments available to the workers. We owe a "Militant" bill of \$160, a sustaining fund debt of \$450, ISR bill of \$116., and Pioneer books \$65. [] said there has been no response to the fund letter sent out last week as yet. He further said that one morning last week, he came into the office at 11:00 a.m. and found a non-Party person sleeping here. He said that an un-authorized person could pick up the mail, but he could not make a groundless accusation. This person had a key which had been used during the YSA convention. [] then said that no un-authorized person should have a key or be in the headquarters at any time unless a Party member is there also.

The new fund drive is asking for a 20 per cent increase because of the good response during the last fund drive. A discussion followed in which [] [] [] and [] took part. Report was approved.

Good and welfare: [] asked for a two week leave of absence as []. [] Granted. [] asked for an indefinite leave of absence as []. [] This was also granted.

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[redacted] and [redacted] Each of the three drafted a leaflet, however, [redacted] thought [redacted] was too strong. [redacted] also wanted it to be run off on the paper with the Committee to Defend Civil Rights letterhead. [redacted] said he did not argue the point because [redacted] would turn around and call the SWP "disrupters". [redacted] and [redacted] together, drafted a very weak leaflet with a reformist policy. [redacted] then said he strengthened some of the weak points and it will have to be accepted this way for now. A meeting is to be held Wednesday morning to get the signatures of [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] for the leaflet.

[redacted] reported that out of this conference, a continuance committee was formed and will be available in the future for similar activities. He named some of the people in the committee. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] reported that the students at Northwestern are quite excited about the leaflet distribution but were very disappointed in the leaflet. Did not feel it was strong enough.

[redacted] said that "Some of the fraternity students' fathers' are members of the John Birch Society, and have invited [redacted] to give a series of lectures on the N. U. campus". The first of the series began Sunday, February 4, 1962. Some of the enthusiastic students contacted [redacted] and [redacted] to organize a picket for the meeting. About 35 students participated. [redacted] LNU was the only Negro on the picket line and one of the fraternity students invited him to dinner next Wednesday (February 7) and told him [redacted] that [redacted] would be there also and they would like to hear them [redacted] and [redacted] debate. A discussion followed. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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SA [redacted]

"MORNING FREIHEIT"
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 28, 1962 furnished to SA [redacted] an item titled, "Information Bulletin on Right Wing Organizations." It was shown that it had been issued by the Chicago Committee, "Morning Freiheit." *qu*

It is located in 100-16219-1A147.

Recommendation

Index Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, the Christian Crusade, the National Education Program, National Indignation Convention, the Minute Men, Project Alert, American Security Council, and For America.

This item gives a thumbnail sketch of a number of organizations, including those for whom copies of this memorandum have been designated and those organizations indexed above.

In an introduction to the item it was explained that the Chicago Office of the "Morning Freiheit" had received many inquiries asking for information about the role and status of right wing organizations. The information bulletin represents the work of a number of individuals who assisted in the preparation of the material.

In exploring the causes for the various right wing organizations, the bulletin concluded that what sets the extremist apart from the true conservative is that the extremist views the world in blacks and whites with few shadings. He views it as conspiratorial; there is a plot to

1 - [redacted] *qu*
1 - 100-36671 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
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slant the textbooks, the press is infested with radicals
and Communism's threat is an internal conspiracy.

Mabley's Report

Welch Ducks Question on Eisenhower

BY JACK MABLEY 3-1

WITH HIS PECULIAR WAY of backing into statements, Robert Welch writes, "I would say that it could not be more than one-half of one per cent" of Catholic clergy who are Communists.

That would mean of 2,778 priests in Chicago, not more than 13 or 14 are Communists.



Is it any wonder the head of the John Birch Society is regarded by conservatives as irrational, that he has been disowned by Sen. Goldwater, Sen. Tower, William Buckley, Russell Kirk, Rep. Judd, and virtually every responsible conservative leader?

What Welch does NOT say is far more significant than what he does say in the interview to be televised over WGN-TV at 8 o'clock tonight.

WELCH CHARGES there are thousands of Communists in top posts in the

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Welch soars off in generalizations. This is his theory: The Communists are making gains all over the world. The American Presidents and top officials are supposed to fight communism. Communism is gaining. Therefore, American Presidents and top officials are either Communists or communist sympathizers.

Following this kind of reasoning, syphilis has been increasing in recent years. Therefore, doctors, who are supposed to fight syphilis, actually are agents promoting the disease.

WELCH SHRUGS OFF the criticism from the men he once praised so highly—Buckley, Goldwater, Tower, Kirk, J. Edgar Hoover. "This is a political year," he answers.

What does that mean? Every year is a political year. Are any of these men running for office?

The jackpot question, of course, is anything with the word "Eisenhower" in it. I'm certain Welch is absolutely convinced that Eisenhower is a conscious, dedicated agent of the communist conspiracy.

He used these words in his book, "The Politician." He still believes it. Obviously his advisers have told him to say nothing about Eisenhower.

If you watch Welch tonight, see where he goes when I ask him for the moment to ignore all past charges, accusations, writings, everything, and say here and now, what does he think of Eisenhower.

WHEN I ASK WELCH about the 302 page printed hard cover book with the title "The Politician" on every page, he says I had no right to read it, and anyway it was a private letter, not a book.

He says he has answered the Eisenhower question a thousand times, and he's simply not going to answer it again, and he has no further comment.

What did he answer a thousand times? "No comment."

"I never made such a statement," he will say. "You are talking about a private personal letter."

All right, Mr. Welch, in a 302-page printed, hard-bound private personal letter titled "The Politician" which I read you called Eisenhower a traitor and a communist agent.

Do you still believe this to be true?

I challenge you to answer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 4/18/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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On April 5, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED] concerning the Birch Society. [REDACTED] was interviewed in one of the complaint rooms of this office. She had previously made an appointment to contact SA [REDACTED] on April 5, 1962.

As background information pertaining to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was initially contacted by SA [REDACTED] sometime in 1954 or perhaps 1953 [REDACTED]

At that time she furnished information pertaining to a now unrecalled SWP or SUA subject.

On April 5, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that she has resided at her present residence for about five years. She stated that during the past two or three years she has become very active in the Republican Party and that she considers herself to be a conservative Republican.

Republican
She said in connection with her Political activity in the La Grange Park Party, she has come in contact with friends of hers who she feels are good Americans and good Republicans. She said in connection with this, however, that some of these friends are members of the Birch Society and that from reading the newspapers, she got the impression that the American press and the current Administration is definitely anti-Birch Society.

She stated she desired to volunteer information concerning the Birch Society as far as she knew it, so that the Government could see for itself that this society is made up of patriotic and responsible persons.

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She requested that her name be protected and she was advised that her information would be treated in confidence.

[redacted] was also advised that any information she desired to furnish would be appreciated. No comment was made to [redacted] regarding any instances in the Birch Society by the FBI. *interest*

[redacted] The following information was furnished by [redacted]

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About two years ago, [redacted] and [redacted] in the La Grange area, started showing several films concerning the threat of Communism. These films were "Operation Abolition" by the ACUA and "Communism On The Map" produced by Harding College in Arkansas under the direction of [redacted]. Both of these films had the endorsement of the American Legion Post in La Grange.

Since that time [redacted] has been asked to join the Birch Society and is acquainted with the La Grange Birch Society members. She has never joined the Birch Society but can see no reason for not joining.

The following persons are known to [redacted] as current members of the La Grange Birch Society:

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The one meeting that [REDACTED] attended of the Birch Society was in June or July, 1961, and at that meeting the discussion concerning "The Bulletin"

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a publication sent to Birch Society members. In addition there were films and slides shown concerning the Communist indoctrination of the East Germans.

[] stated that about six months ago she subscribed to "The Worker" so that she and her close friend [] would keep abreast of the Communist Party line.

Near the conclusion of the talk with [] she said she wanted to bring to the attention of the FBI that she was very suspicious of a [] who resides at [] [] said [] in her opinion is always attempting to break up decisions made by the Republican Party in La Grange. [] is a Republican herself []

[] said she felt that []

[] could perhaps be a Communist member and a spy in the Republican party.

[] had no information whatsoever to substantiate this allegation and it is the opinion of the Agent that [] and [] just don't get along.

The interview terminated on a friendly note and [] was thanked for her information. The above is for information and all names are being indexed.

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'Abuse' Helps Says Birch Society Chief

*Welch Speaks
To Executives*

The founder of the controversial John Birch Society said here Friday the anti-Communist group is thriving on adverse publicity.



ROBERT BIRCH

Robert Welch, former Belmont, Mass., candy maker, told the Executives Club of Chicago that the "intensive abuse" of the society caused resignations of only "2 or 3 per cent of membership" last year.

"But the average increase in membership in that period has been 2 or 3 per cent a week," Welch said at the luncheon in Sherman House.

HE DESCRIBED the society's leadership as being "the most imposing list of leaders of the American conservative movement."

Sixty per cent of the society's members were Protestants, he said, 40 per cent Catholics and about 1 per cent Jews.

Of the society's refusal to publish its membership, he said the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People do the same thing.

Mere patriotism and anti-communism are not enough for membership, he said, but also "good will, good conscience and possession of religious ideals."

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'Aid to Reds' Attacked by Birch Society Founder

An overflow crowd of Chicago business leaders yesterday heard Robert Welch defend the John Birch society, which he founded, and denounce the aid and comfort he said is given Communists by misguided Americans.

High on his list of misguided persons, Welch placed Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme court, whose decisions, he said, have "broken down the constitutional safeguards of American individuals."

In an intense delivery, Welch told the Executives club in the Sherman House that he sided "100 per cent with Sen. James O. Eastland [D., Miss.," who on Wednesday charged that Warren "decides for the Communists" when there is a clear cut decision to be made between them and the security of the United States.

Tells Opposition to War

Welch, strongly applauded as he answered a series of controversial questions, made these responses:

On preventive war to halt communism: "I'm not in favor of war at all and it's the last thing the Communists expect. We don't have to have war. And much as I hate to say it, we don't even have to oppose the Communists. All we have to do is stop our government from helping them."

Welch cited the loss of China and moved to Russia thru



Robert Welch, founder of controversial John Birch society, accepting sugar at luncheon of Executives club in Sherman House, where he was featured speaker. (TRIBUNE Photo)

"blundering United States leadership" and the recent near catastrophe in the Katanga province of the Congo as evidence of such aid.

Attacks Military Censorship

On military censorship: "I'm violently opposed to censorship of the military. A strong nationalistic armed force is the last bulwark against communism and Moscow has concentrated for many years on breaking this down thruout the world."

On how to identify a Communist: "When a person year after year does things which always turn out to benefit the

communist conspiracy, it's reasonable to assume that he is a Communist."

On the Birch society's stand on segregationists: "We are opposed to the use of government force to support either segregation or integration. It's an individual matter. Beyond that we are divided."

Keep Membership Secret

Welch, in a 30 minute explanation of how his society functions and what it stands for, said that the "left wing press" had distorted its public image, chiefly by calling it a secret society.

"We never give out our membership lists, of course," Welch said. "But, of course neither do the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People nor many other national organizations. The NAACP, the last I heard, was fighting a court order requiring them to yield up such a list. We're on their side; there is no reason they should give up that list."

Welch said the "influence of the left wing press in the United States is far too strong." But, he said, this stemmed from a mere 2 or 3 per cent of communist sympathizers in the fourth estate.

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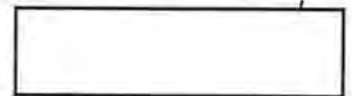
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Communism Would Crumble Without U.S. Aid, Welch Says

By Peter Deuel

Robert Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society, Friday said international communism would crumble if the U.S. government stopped helping it.

Welch, speaking before a luncheon of the Executives Club of Chicago, was asked if the ultra-conservative group would support preventive war.

"No, we would not, we're not in favor of any kind of war," he told the nearly 1,400 persons in the Grand Ballroom of the Sherman House.

"All this talk about war is ridiculous. There is no likelihood of armed conflict on this

territory until there is an internal take-over by the Communists.

'Just Six Months'

"We don't even have to oppose the Communists. All we have to do is to get our government to stop helping them everywhere in the whole world for just six months and the whole worldwide Communist empire would start falling to pieces."

The society has been actively seeking the impeachment of U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren, because, it claims, Warren and the court have "cut holes in our Constitution."

After a 30-minute speech in

which he outlined the history and objectives of the society, Welch answered some two dozen questions sent to him on cards from the audience.

One of the inquiries asked how he felt about remarks made on the floor of the U.S. Senate by Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) attributing to Warren a "soft" attitude toward communism.

"I agree with his statement 100 per cent," Welch replied. At this point the audience broke into its first of five interruptions for applause.

Welch said the society has received so much criticism from liberals, newspapers and many clergymen because "the Communists are frightened of us." He said: "We have frightened them because we are doing an increasingly effective job against the Communist conspiracy."

"Our organizational structure (local chapters carefully screened which receive monthly bulletins outlining society plans) has kept the Communists out of our chapters."

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Repeats Charge

✓ "They have been unable to divide us internally as they have all other anti-Communist groups."

✓ Welch repeated his charge that about 3 per cent of the employes of the federal government are Communists.

✓ "But," he said, "many more are made the dupes of the Communist line."

He also defended himself against claims that he called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

He explained to his listeners that those remarks were lifted out of context from a private letter he sent by registered mail to some personal friends. He denied the society ever called the former President a Red.

In addition to Warren and the Supreme Court, those attacked by Welch included: "the left-wing press," other anti-Communist groups and the Kennedy administration, for "muzzling" the military.



Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, talks at Sherman House.

Birch Chief Materializes Briefly for TV Show Here

Welch Almost Escapes Notice

BY JOSEPH L. HAAS

Suddenly, he was here. And the storm of the ultra-conservative controversy swirled around him.

Two hours later, the slight, gray-haired man was gone. And the storm left with him.

Thus, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, came to Chicago for one of his rare television interviews.

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UNTIL the last minute, none of the officials of the WGN-TV show, Your Right To Say It, knew whether he would appear. The interview had been off-again, on-again for five months due to Welch's crowded schedule.

Al Field, WGN-TV public affairs manager, was still worrying about whether Welch would show up when he went to the

men's washroom an hour before filming time Tuesday in the WGN-TV studios, 2501 Bradley Pl.

He scarcely noticed the balding, middle-aged man searching for an electric outlet for a razor at the next mirror.

"He doesn't stand out, even out of a crowd," Field said later when he learned it was Welch.

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NEWSMEN, clustered at the main entrance waiting for Welch's appearance, also were surprised when Welch suddenly materialized behind them.

He had been sitting at a long table a few seats away from another batch of reporters and photographers in the studio cafeteria, and no one noticed him.

Then it was, "No interviews, I don't grant interviews," in a soft voice, politely but firmly.

He sat there, chewing a big cigar, his hands shuffling papers.

Later, when the show began, these same hands kept busy gesturing to make a point, shuf-

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Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, gestures to emphasize his remarks during a pre-taping of the WGN-TV show, "Your Right To Say It," in Chicago Tuesday. Taking part in the panel discus-

sion are (left to right) James H. McBurney, dean of the school of speech, Northwestern University; Welch, Jack Mabley, columnist for Chicago's American, and John Justin Smith, Chicago Daily News columnist.

fling papers some more, hooking thumbs in his belt.

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JOHN JUSTIN Smith, Daily News columnist, and Jack Mabley of Chicago's American, pressed him with questions.

What about his charge that former President Eisenhower had been a Communist agent?

"I never made that charge in public or in print," said Welch, adding with apparent tiredness, "I've said enough about it, over and over."

Has criticism of Welch and the society harmed its membership?

"Because of all the attacks on us, the faint of heart have been pretty well weeded out," he said. "But the stout of heart are with us."

He credited the attacks on him personally by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R.-Ariz.), Sen. John Tower (R.-Texas), former Vice President Richard M. Nixon and other Republicans and con-

servatives to the exigencies of "a political year."

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FOR half an hour, he fenced with questioners, answering only those questions he wanted to answer.

Smith asked Welch how he would make over our nation since he distrusts American democracy.

"I would restore our republic as our founding fathers wanted . . . they did everything they could to prevent us from having a democracy.

"I would reduce the size of government and return its functions to smaller and smaller units . . .

"I would eliminate two-thirds of the bureaucrats . . ."

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THE SHOW, which will be telecast at 8 p.m. Sunday over Channel 9, came to an end.

Welch slipped a gray topcoat over his dark business suit, donned a dark gray fedora, and recovered his cane.

Briskly, he strode down the corridor to a waiting taxi and said, "O'Hare Airport," to the driver. He was returning to his home in Belmont, Mass.

A REPORTER tried to ask a final question of Welch through the open window of the cab.

Smiling politely, Welch slowly rolled up the window and didn't answer. And the cab rolled off in the mists.

Welch Meets 'Mr. Mabbley'— but Reluctantly

BY JACK MABLEY

I finally came face to face with Robert Welch.

Welch, head of the John Birch society, flew into Chicago yesterday for the taping of a television interview. When he accepted, he did not know I was to be one of two questioners.

My only previous conversation with Welch was July 20, 1960, when I became the first newspaperman in America to whom he stated, "I have absolutely no comment."

The question was, "Do you believe President Eisenhower is a conscious, dedicated agent of the communist conspiracy?"

Welch walked into an executive office at WGN-TV, extended his hand, and said, "Glad to meet you Mr. Mabbley."

I spent the next 90 minutes at his side.

WELCH IS ARTICULATE, GLIB. He puffs on a cigar and leans back in his chair and talks persuasively of the communist conspiracy.

He has the chemistry of a natural leader.

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Robert Welch (left) and Jack Mabley face each other.

Jack Mabley was the first reporter in the country to reveal the existence of the John Birch Society and expose Robert Welch's book, "The Politician," which called President Eisenhower a Communist.

He has the dedication of an evangelist in his crusade to save the country from communism and democracy.

"Frankly," he said, "I didn't know you were going to be on this panel. I wasn't told. When I learned yesterday, I tried to call here but I couldn't get thru.

"It's not that you can ask anything that anybody else can't ask—it's just personal. A personal thing. However, here we are."

HE WAS GRACIOUS FROM start to finish. While reporters had been trying to run him down at some home or hotel in Chicago, he had been sitting in a shoe shine parlor at O'Hare field until time for the broadcast.

"I got a lot of work done," he smiled. "Cost me a dollar. And I got a shine out of it, too."

Before the program began, he leaned toward me and said, "Now, if you're going to ask about 'The Politician,' I'll just have to say 'no comment.' I've answered that question a thousand times, and I'm sick and tired of answering it, and for the past year and a half I've stopped answering it."

"THE POLITICIAN" IS A BOOK, written by Welch, which he called a private letter, in which he calls Eisenhower a traitor and a communist agent.

In every way I know as a reporter, I tried to get Welch to say something about Eisenhower. He says now, as he said a thousand interviews ago, "I have absolutely no comment."

And the questioner can have absolutely no doubt that Welch believes Eisenhower is a conscious, dedicated agent of the communist conspiracy.

I offered to drive Mr. Welch back to the airport, but he took a cab.

(The taped interview will be shown at 8 p. m. Sunday on WGN-TV, Channel 9.)

Executive Club To Hear Welch

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, will speak at a noon luncheon May 4 before the Executives Club of Chicago in Sherman House. *21-3*

Welch, retired Belmont (Mass.) candy manufacturer who founded the controversial anti-Communist organization three years ago, will speak on the society.

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I received an invitation from [redacted] the Speaker's Table Committee of the Executives' Club of Chicago, inviting me to sit at the Speaker's Table on the occasion of an address by [redacted] the John Birch Society, which will take place in Chicago on Friday, May 4, 1962, at the Sherman House.

I advised [redacted] that because of prior commitments, it will be impossible for me to be present on this occasion.

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What They're Against

Irving Brant, a historian and an authority on James Madison, recently devoted some time to research on the John Birch Society. He went through various writings of its various spokesmen. He then drew up for The New Republic this summary of what the society stands for:

Repeal all social and economic legislation enacted since 1922; repeal the income tax; impeach Chief Justice Warren; eliminate all church activities for social legislation; take the United States out of the UN; withdraw from NATO; stop all foreign aid; stop cultural and other exchanges with Soviet Russia; make no disarmament agreement, with or without enforceable guarantees; retain the Connally Amendment to the

World Court treaty; restrict labor unions; pass state "right-to-work" laws; oppose urban renewal and public housing; oppose "communistic fluoridation of water; reduce the federal budget to \$40 billion; remove "a few thousand Communists" from government, and compile a list of Communist dupes, sympathizers, socialists and liberals for attack by anti-Communist groups.

Many Americans could believe in some of the Birch planks and still subscribe to the general policies of both major political parties. But anyone who believes in all of them can no more be a Republican or a Democrat than could a Communist.

The Birchers are not so much anti-Communist as they are anti-20th Century. They are living in an unreal world of their own.

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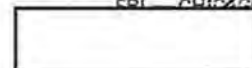
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[REDACTED] advised me that they were having an all
day seminar on June 3, 1962, at the Flick Reedy Corporation in
Bensenville Illinois. This will be attended by, among others,

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Birchist Seeking to Reopen Investigation of Son's Death

Father Still Asserts College Editor Was Slain 110-3

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI)—Last March 31, Newton Armstrong Jr., 19, San Diego State College student, was found dead in his suburban Coronado home, hanging from a rafter.

After a lengthy investigation, San Diego County District Atty. Don Keller ruled the death a suicide.

The young man's father, a retired Army officer and a member of the John Birch Society, still asserts his son was murdered.

SAID Armstrong at a recent press conference:

"There was some high probability that the murder was done

by Communists or left-wing extremists. Another possibility is that other political enemies may have killed him. One also cannot rule out a psychopath."

Young Armstrong was editor of a campus newspaper and was active in right-wing campus activities.

KELLER in his formal report said:

"No other person or persons

were present at the time of death and place of death, or participated in the means of death."

Before announcing his findings in the case, Keller called in Los Angeles police criminologist Ray Pinker to aid the investigation. Pinker concurred in the suicide finding.

THE ELDER Armstrong has hired an attorney, John T. Schall, to try to get the county to reopen the investigation.

"We want to raise funds from the general public to finance a private investigation which we hope will persuade the district attorney to reopen the case," Schall said.

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Business Men Hail Welch, Who Lauds Eastland

CHICAGO — Robert Welch last week addressed 1,400 business men at an Executives Club luncheon at the Sherman Hotel.

One remark made by this fuhrer of the John Birch Society, which elicited applause from the business men was Welch's praise for Sen. James O. Eastland's attack on the Supreme Court, especially Chief Justice Warren.

On segregation, Welch said: "We are opposed to the use of government force."

A big part of the John Birch Society's support comes from Southern segregationists.

It was obvious that the audience of business men did not consider this man a "crackpot." He was treated with deference and courtesy as if he were



still one of the top officials of the National Association of Manufacturers.

This was the most "respectable" meeting of the ultra-right ever held in Chicago.

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Attention: Mr. James H. Gale
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Dear Mr. Gale,

You may recall my conversation with you on the phone about two weeks ago. At that time, I mentioned the seminar we were conducting in the Auditorium of the Flick-Reedy Corporation in Bensenville, Illinois, on Saturday, June 30, 1962.

We would be delighted to have you attend this meeting but do understand that circumstances prevent your being there.

Nevertheless, in the hope that a change in your schedule may make it possible, I am enclosing a complimentary ticket for your own use or for the use of anyone you may choose. Please do not be concerned if the ticket has to go unused either.

The enclosed flyer is a sample of the material we have been using to promote this affair among our members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if anything ever comes to your attention about the Society and with regard to which you feel I may be of some assistance.

Very sincerely,

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Dear Friends of OUR Republic:

Would you be interested in listening?

If so, please contact me as soon as possible in order that I might reserve a seat for you.

For those who want to avoid the traffic problem, we are providing round-trip transportation between Rockford and the auditorium at slightly under \$3.00 via chartered Greyhound Bus.

Placing America's interest first, and awaiting your phone call (or letter), I remain



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This will be the first in a series of educational efforts to carry our story to more and more of the American people.

All members are urged to attend and to invite their concerned friends to attend. This is a golden opportunity to convince sympathetic but hesitant friends of the need for the John Birch Society.

Let them hear about the John Birch Society AS IT REALLY IS from the lips of five of its distinguished and able COUNCIL members.

Members of local chapters - tickets are available from your chapter leader.

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There will be no tickets sold at the door - seating capacity is limited - purchase your tickets early to avoid confusion and disappointment.

The Speakers:

Mr. Robert H. Montgomery - prominent member of the Massachusetts Bar, author of the recently published book, "Sacco-Vanzetti; The Murder and the Myth".

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson - Editor and Publisher of FARM AND RANCH, magazine with 1,300,000 circulation.

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On June 20, 1962, there was received by the Chicago Office from an anonymous donor a flyer distributed by one [REDACTED]

Illinois, which bears a letterhead of the John Birch Society Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts. It is announced therein that the Illinois Chapter of that Society will present "Our Council Speaks", a critique of the John Birch Society, Saturday, June 30, 1962, at the Flick-Reedy Auditorium, Bensenville, Illinois. Speakers will include R. H. MONTGOMERY, THOMAS J. ANDERSON, STILLWELL J. CONNER, Dr. REVILO P. OLIVER and Dr. S. M. DRASKOVICH, all of whom are listed as members of the Council of the John Birch Society. It is stated that the above function will be the first in a series of educational efforts to reach more people.

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[REDACTED] is identified as the subject of Bureau file 65-62223, who has originated a large volume of correspondence with this office and the Bureau in the past. The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Meeting of DOROTHY DAVIES CP Club,
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Chicago, Illinois

May 17, 1962

On May 15, 1962, the Communist Party Club of which [redacted] met at [redacted] residence, Chicago. Present were: [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] spoke on the recent primary election in Chicago as [redacted] who was to have prepared material for discussion, was absent. [redacted] said the bond issued has been defeated because the people are tired of constant tax increases without the promised improvement they are supposed to bring. [redacted] rambled on for some time on Chicago politics, not saying anything of real substance.

[redacted] then spoke of the May 9, 1962, "Committee Meeting" on the North Side regarding the House Committee on Un-American Activities which she attended and which occasioned changing the date of this club's meeting. She said this meeting was held on Lawrence Avenue and that over one hundred invitations had been sent out to "progressive thinkers" to attend. She mentioned a man named [redacted] who was cited for contempt before HCUA, as the speaker. [redacted] noted that members of the John Birch Society had attended and also members of the American Nazi Party, though neither had been invited. She indicated that this was not a CP meeting as previously reported but rather that people of different political orientation were present.

One of the Birch or Nazi representatives stood up and read a speech made by J. EDGAR HOOVER and then asked [redacted] if he was a Communist. [redacted] refused to answer, according to [redacted]

[redacted] then spoke of an article in "Look Magazine" which she said asserts [redacted] deliberately scuttled the "summit" talk with its U-2 flight.

[redacted] spoke of an article he had read by an Englishman on the subject of disarmament and inspection which maintains Russia won't agree to inspection of her bases as the United States is more powerful and this would render their defenses ineffective as they have only a few secret bases. He didn't identify the writer or location of this article.

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[] wants all CP club members to attend services for GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT who died May 13, 1962. According to [] this will be a combination religious and Communistic service. Rather than buy flowers, this club, at GERALDYNE's request, contributed \$20.00 to the Ebony Museum of Negro History.

[] turned in her \$4.00 contribution for a gift subscription to "The Worker" to be given to someone who can't afford to buy the paper.

This club has gone over its quota in the "The Worker" drive. So far \$253.00 has been turned in. The quota was not announced.

The club members are upset because [] did not attend this club meeting. He was notified of the meeting beforehand.

[] mentioned that [] has married []

She indicated that MC CORD has been a member of FRAN VIVIAN's CP Club in the past but didn't indicate he is out at this time.

[] said referring to the May 9, 1962, meeting on Lawrence Avenue that a future meeting of this group soon would be held.

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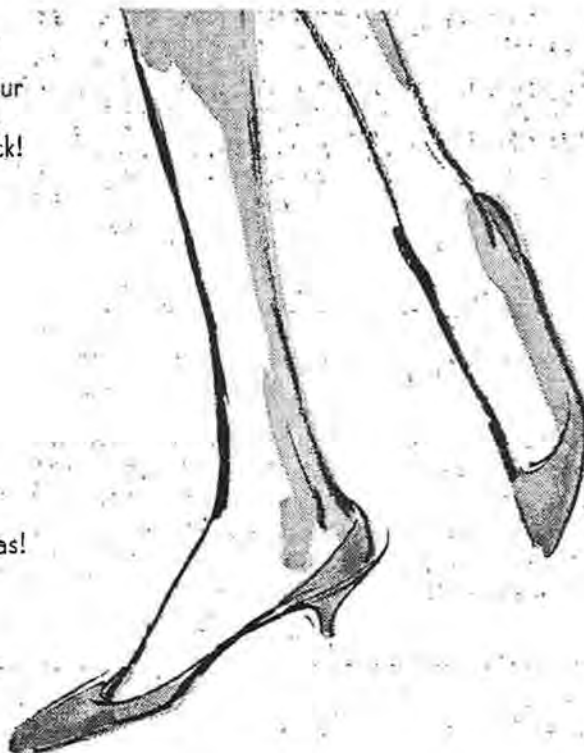
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FROM :

SA [redacted]

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At the telephonic request of [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, the writer contacted him on 6/27/62.

[redacted] advised that he is a member of [redacted]
[redacted] of the John Birch Society as well as several other
organizations including one having to do with taxes, advised
that he has become increasingly disturbed over the barrier
of the American people to actively oppose creeping Socialism
in this country. He said there is little he can do as one
individual and said that he wanted to discuss with the FBI what
he could do and what the FBI might do in this regard.

He was informed of the jurisdiction and responsibilities
of the FBI as well as the confidential nature of its files as
directed by the Attorney General. He was informed that should
he have any information which he believes would be relevant
to the Internal Security of this country, he should furnish same
to the FBI.

[redacted] said he had come in contact with three
Waukegan area teachers whom he believes to be supporting the
"legislative" overthrow of the government, although he has no
information they are Communists. One is named [redacted]

[redacted] (FNU) [redacted]
and [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois. He said he has discussed the [redacted]
teachers with either the grade school principal or a member
of a high school board.

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2,000 ATTEND BIRCH SOCIETY SEMINAR HERE

Review Red Ties of

Fidel Castro

BY FRANK HUGHES

Nearly 2,000 people were told yesterday that the John Birch society offers the best program to save America from insolvency, socialism, and surrender. They met at a seminar on communism and Americanism sponsored by the Illinois chapters of the John Birch society in the Flick-Reedy auditorium, Wolf road and Thorndale av., Bensenville.

Welch Makes Appearance

The crowd rose and applauded when Robert Welch, founder of the society, was introduced unexpectedly.

Welch was in Chicago at an executive committee meeting of the society council. He did not address the crowd.

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classical languages and literature at the University of Illinois and one of the society's council members, reviewed the evidence showing that Fidel Castro was a Communist and widely known as a Communist as early as 1949.

Cites Castro Evidence

He showed that documentary evidence of Castro's place in the world communist conspiracy was available many years before Welch first identified Castro as a Communist in the Birch society publication, "American Opinion," in 1959.

Thomas J. Anderson, editor and publisher of "Farm and Ranch" magazine, Nashville, Tenn., another council member, declared that the John Birch society is not a secret organization.

"All the literature is available upon request, free or for a small charge," Anderson said. "The John Birch society is not as secret as the Elks or the Masons, or your fraternity or sorority."

Raps Fascist Charge

"It has been called a fascist organization. Every single person from Martin Dies on down and every organization with the exception of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI which has really done an effective job of fighting the Communists has been labeled fascist. Fascism and communism are peas in the same pod. Leftists and rightists are the same."

Other council members who spoke were Robert H. Morgenthau, Massachusetts constitutional lawyer and author of the recent book "Sacco-Vanzetti, The Murder and the Myth," and Dr. S. M. Draskovich, author of "Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse," and editor of Srpska Borba (Serbian Struggle), a weekly newspaper published in Chicago.

The moderator and fifth council member was S. Jay Connor, 6451 Dixon av., Chicago furniture manufacturer.

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TO : SAC (100-36671)

DATE: 9/12/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On August 29, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished to SAs [REDACTED] and the writer two pamphlets entitled "The Free American" and a reprint of a "Readers Digest" article entitled "American - Beware of the Welfare State". These pamphlets are retained in Chicago file 100-36671-1A8.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau 5/23/62 captioned,
[REDACTED] MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING."

On 11/2/62 captioned individual telephonically con-
tacted me advising that [REDACTED]
the John Birch Society. He stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the John
Birch Society. He stated that he resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

He told me that he had previously talked with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and invited [REDACTED] to attend a seminar but that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] other commitments would not permit him to attend.
He stated he wanted to extend an invitation to me to attend
a two day meeting of the John Birch Society to be held
11/16-17/62 at the Oakbrook Polo Club, Hinsdale, Illinois.
He stated the meeting would be held from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM
each of the two days. They expect about 80 or 90 invited
guests to attend. He stated there would be absolutely no
publicity in connection with this meeting. He advised that
[REDACTED] the John Birch Society, would conduct
the meeting on both days and the meeting would be under his
complete control.

[REDACTED] was advised I had other commitments and
would not be able to attend. Above submitted for Bureau's
information.

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Benson's Son Gets Birch Post

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Reed A. Benson, son of former Agriculture Sec. Ezra Taft Benson, has been named coordinator of the John Birch Society in Utah.

Benson, 34, who made the announcement, called the right-wing group "the most effective nonreligious organization devoted to the preservation and promotion of American constitutional freedoms, and the exposure and defeat of the Socialist-Communist enemy within."

Benson was defeated in the Utah primary this year for the Republican nomination to a congressional seat.

Ezra Taft Benson, who was head of the Agriculture Department during the Eisenhower administration and is a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles

of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, applauded his son's decision. He termed the society the most effective organization against "creeping socialism and godless communism."

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, (100-40099)

DATE: [12-7-62] Q4

FROM : SA [redacted] Q4

SUBJECT: CHICAGO COMMITTEE AGAINST NAZISM,
ANTI-SEMITISM, AND RACISM
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On November 21, 1962, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] a handwritten report dated November 12, 1962, concerning a meeting of the Chicago Committee against Nazism, Anti-Semitism, and Racism, held November 11, 1962, at Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The original of this information is located in A) [redacted] and is as follows: Q4

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November 12, 1962
Chicago, Illinois

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The Committee Against Anti-Semitism, Anti-Nazism, and Racism held a public meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 11, 1962, at Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan Avenue. There were four pickets in front of the building. They were dressed in brown storm trooper uniforms and had swastika armbands. They were dragging a Soviet flag that had a Star of David on it on the ground.

Some of the people who attended this meeting were the following:

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There were 153 people at this meeting. [] was chairman of this meeting. The Star Spangled Banner was sung to open this meeting. A minute of silence in memorium to ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was the next order of business. [] then explained the purpose of this meeting. He said that in view of Anti-Semitism and Nazism that was taking place all over the world, the committee felt that a meeting should take place to inform the public.

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The first speaker was [] He said that the Negro problem was a great one. The people gouged the Negroes when it came to renting. He said the Jewish people rented to the Negroes, charged them exorbitant rentals, and then proceeded to gouge them again when it came to buying food and clothing. He hoped the time would come when the Negro and the Jew could live together and not for the Jew to flee when a Negro moved into the neighborhood.

[] brought greetings from the Lithuanian people and said he understood the problems and was in complete sympathy with them.

[] was the next speaker. He spoke on the Warsaw Ghetto. He said that the people have to be made aware that it can happen in this country too.

[] was next. He asked [] to make clear the purpose and aims of this meeting. [] said that this meeting was just to inform the people, and if they wanted, a permanent committee could be formed. He presented a resolution to go to President KENNEDY, Secretary RUSK, and the UN asking them to stop this menace. [] then proceeded to speak about the Anti-Heusinger Committee and their work in informing the public about []

[] then asked for contributions to cover the meeting. \$150 was collected.

[] then spoke. She told about the Genocide Convention that the U. S. Government has never ratified. This convention would force the Congress to enact laws to do away with all the Nazis and anti-Semites and racists. She told about the Emma Lazarus petition campaign to ratify the Genocide Convention.

[] from the Electrical Workers Union, was the last speaker. He told of the evils of anti-Semitism and Nazism, and how it affects the unions. He spoke against the Birch Society, [] and all the ultra-right organizations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, (100-40099)

DATE: [12/10/62] Q4

FROM : SA [redacted] Q4

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Some of those who were in attendance were as follows:

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[redacted] was the next speaker, and he spoke on the Negro problem in the Chicago area and hoped that in the future Chicago would have open occupancy throughout the city and said that would be true understanding between Negro community and white community.

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[redacted] spoke briefly on the Warsaw Ghetto and its relationship to the present.

[redacted] then asked [redacted] what was the purpose of the meeting and the plans for the future. [redacted] then replied that this was just a public information meeting, and if any organization would like to do something to further the work, then a committee would be formed, and it would go further into the subject. Meanwhile, a resolution was to be forwarded to the President, Secretary of State and to UN asking for their assistance in stopping this menace.

[redacted] then spoke on how the unions are trying to combat all the "antis" and he said the first sign of fascism is when the unions are attacked and then dissolved. He said that the Birch Society and American Nazi Party are a threat to democracy and should be investigated as well as all subversive organizations are.

[redacted] spoke on the Genocide Convention and that Emma Lazarus is going to have a very strong campaign to have it adopted by the U.S. this winter. Genocide Convention would make all the "antis" outlawed and the U.S. would have to enact laws to abide by the rules.

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**BIRCH SPEAKER
TELLS OF ARMS
HIDDEN IN CUBA**

Jose Norman, 56, of Los Angeles, said yesterday that there are Russian missiles and bombers still hidden in Cuba.

Norman spoke to 600 persons in the Flick Reedy auditorium in Bensenville in a talk sponsored by the John Birch Society. He said that there are now 11 missile bases, 14 air bases, 6 naval bases, 40 heavily

fortified ports, and 33 camps housing 20,000 foreign soldiers.

He said 90 per cent of the people in Cuba are against the Castro regime and that sabotage is growing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-36671)

DATE: 2/18/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 2/11/63 the writer received through a mail a letter which is undated from [REDACTED] from captioned organization. This letter notes [REDACTED] will lead a two-day seminar 2/22-23/63 in the Continental Room, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. The cost is \$12 per person to cover food and service costs. The letter is signed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago 31, Illinois.

The following are listed as the members of the sponsoring committee from Illinois:

[REDACTED] Oakbrook
[REDACTED] Barrington
[REDACTED] Chicago
[REDACTED] Chicago
[REDACTED] Rockford
[REDACTED] Naperville
[REDACTED] River Forest
[REDACTED] Lake Forest
[REDACTED] Urbana
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Illinois-Wisconsin Sponsoring Committee

Robert J. Koenig, Chairman

6820 N. Osceola Avenue

Chicago 31, Illinois

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Would you like to learn, at first hand, the truth about The John Birch Society? It is far different from what you are likely to have read in the press or heard over the air.

Or the background, as we see it, of contemporary history (and of present developments now taking place before our eyes), which brought the Society into existence, and which makes the work of such a group so necessary and so important? That history is frightening and tragic; but it is also clear to those who are willing to see. And it is only by learning enough from this history that we have any chance of avoiding its repetition upon ourselves.

We would be delighted and honored to have you attend the two-day seminar to be conducted by Mr. Robert Welch on February 22 and 23, 1963, in the Continental Room of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

For Mr. Welch to give you a clear understanding of the background, purposes and methods of The John Birch Society requires two full days. Nor would we ask for this amount of your time if we did not think that the matters involved are of sufficient importance and that you yourself will feel the same way before the two days are over.

This seminar will begin promptly at nine o'clock on Friday morning, February 22nd, recess at 5:30 that afternoon, resume promptly at nine o'clock Saturday morning and end at about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. There will be no solicitation and no obligation of any kind. The only cost will be the twelve dollars per person needed to cover food and service costs at the Hotel. Light lunches and coffee breaks will be served in the Continental Room.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the recommending member whose name appears below. We sincerely hope we shall see you early in the morning of Friday, February 22nd.

Very sincerely,


Robert J. Koenig
Chairman

Robert J. Koenig

Recommending member

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**Welch Meets with 300
Birch Society Members**

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society, presided over an all-day meeting of 300 of his adherents in the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel yesterday. Newsmen were barred from the meeting. Robert Koenig, who handled arrangements for the meeting, which continues thru today, said the group felt there was no news in the meeting.

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TO :

SAC, CHICAGO ¹⁰⁰⁻³⁶⁶⁷¹ ~~(62-8)~~

DATE: March 9, 1963

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 9, 1963, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Deerfield, Illinois, telephonically advised that he
wished to make it a matter of public record with the FBI that
the following individuals are members of the above captioned
organization:

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Deerfield, Illinois

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[REDACTED]
Deerfield, Illinois

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[REDACTED]
Deerfield, Illinois

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[REDACTED]
Legion Post, Deerfield, Illinois

[REDACTED] further advised that he is furnishing this
information to the FBI as a patriotic American citizen.

[REDACTED] was advised that the FBI is not conducting
any investigation regarding the John Birch Society.

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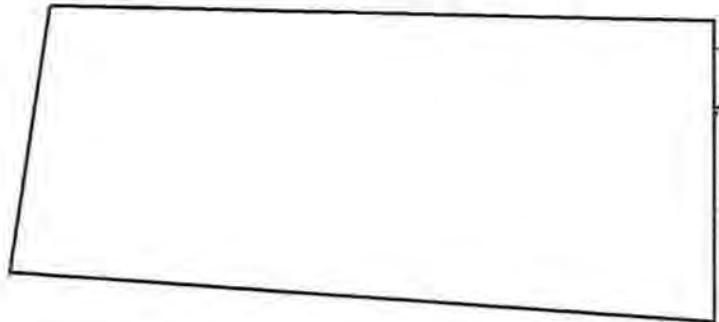
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My dear [redacted]

Since returning from Tulsa and the lake region of Sepulpa, I have given considerable thought, and talked to quite a number of people about your suggestion of a people's court. All but one to whom I spoke thought this would be a wonderful thing. The one that felt it would not be too good was [redacted] and he felt that it would not be as successful as it sounds in theory; hence, he did not feel it was a good theory; hence, he did not feel it was a good idea. I am sure he would be all for it if he thought it would be successful. Anyway, I am awaiting word from you outlining in greater detail the plan. As soon as I receive it, I will go over it very carefully and submit it to a few others who should have exceedingly good ideas with regard to the legal phases. The one person in particular whom I wish to submit it to, is [redacted]

On my return from the lake region, while on the airplane, the following thought occurred to me: We'll assume for argument's sake that there are about six hundred senators and representatives, and will assume that two hundred fifty of them are more right than left, and that another two hundred fifty are more left than right. This would leave one hundred that would be sort of on the fence and who could be swayed one way or the other if the proper pressures were brought to bear. It would certainly seem to me as though the citizens court idea could bring tremendous pressure, in which case if it were applied first to this so-called hundred who could be very easily swayed, it would seem as though they would all sway over to our side, in which case we would then have control of the congress of the United States. b6 b7C

If you think this idea has any merit at all, then certainly the first ones to be tried by citizens court would be this intermediate group.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 3-15-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dictated by [REDACTED] Illinois, to his secretary, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Illinois, March 7, 1963. The theme of this letter concerns the establishment of a "peoples court" for the purpose of applying pressure in Washington in such a way so as to give the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY "control of the congress of the United States."

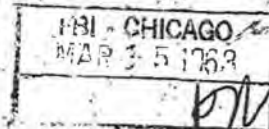
Regarding [REDACTED] she obtained employment with [REDACTED] by answering an ad in the newspaper. [REDACTED] has school children and wanted a job where she could have her own hours and with [REDACTED] she works only during the morning hours. Her previous employment was with [REDACTED]

that if he sent this letter she would quit working for him, as she did not want to be a part of what she felt was an unAmerican activity. She thinks [REDACTED] tore up the original.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wife is the one who actually organized the Birchers in the western Chicago suburban area. [REDACTED] praises the FBI and has told [REDACTED] that only Birch members and the FBI can be trusted. [REDACTED] has no idea how many members there are in this area but is willing to find out if the FBI is interested.

[REDACTED] is described as a white female, age 31, 5' 3", 120 lbs, reddish blond hair, medium build, buxom.

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SA [REDACTED]

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On 3/28/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to explore his possibility as a PSI. [REDACTED] had appeared at the Chicago Office on 2/26/63 and offered his services.

During the above contact [REDACTED] said that he was concerned with the large number of groups and organizations with communist tendencies in the north suburban area. When asked to name these organizations he referred primarily to the Human Relations Committee of Glenview, Illinois. He stated that this group originated in Wilmette, Highland Park and Winnetka and its main goal is to create a metropolitan area comprising all of the villages and towns on the North Shore thus having one central government for the entire area.

[REDACTED] was unable to name any of the officers of the Human Relations Committee of Glenview. He said he was suspicious of the Human Relations Committee because it had recently caused a big controversy claiming a real estate "conspiracy" was taking place because Jews were being discriminated against in buying homes in Glenview. [REDACTED] said he could not understand this because about a third of the home owners in Glenview were Jewish. He felt, for this reason, that the committee was communist-inspired to create "ferment" and trouble.

[REDACTED] expressed dissatisfaction with the United Nations and at various church discussion groups, Human Relations Committee and PTA meetings his views on this and other subjects were opposed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] connected with the Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy. All of these people live near [REDACTED] in Glenview.

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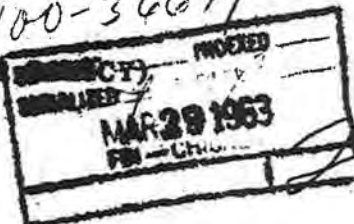
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[] stated that he did not think [] was a communist but he certainly gave them comfort. He said that [] became involved in a controversy created by []

[] Glenview, Illinois, and opposed [] because [] urged the bombing of Russia.

[] expressed the view that organizations like the JOHN BIRCH Society were doing a good job. [] felt that although he was sympathetic he could not join such organizations without endangering his family and future. He indicated [] in his parish in Glenview and his views had been opposed at meetings of this group by a number of the above mentioned persons, particularly [], who were always disrupting his meetings. [] also mentioned that he was running as an independent for a position on the Glenview Board of Education. He had been turned down apparently for his anti-communist beliefs when he sought support of the Caucus Party.

[] concluded that he was known as being anti-communist and admitted that, for this reason, he could be of no value in infiltrating communist organizations. He again stated that although he believed such organizations as the John Birch Society were doing a good job, he was not a member, and had come to the Bureau originally to record his reasons for being anti-communist and, if possible, to help the Bureau in any way possible.

Indices of this office reflect no activity that would indicate that [] or [] are communists.

(*) It is the opinion of the contacting Agents that [] has strong leanings toward the John Birch Society and, for this reason, has no potentiality as a PSI. For this reason instant case is being closed.

The names of [] and [] and [] and the Human Relations Committee of Glenview are being indexed to this memorandum.

Sen. Kuchel Rips Far-Right Groups

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By John H. Ayerill

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) charged Thursday that "fright eddlers" of the far right are doing a better job of dividing the American people "than any communist agents could do."

In a blistering Senate speech, the assistant GOP leader accused the John Birch Society and other extreme right groups of doing the nation a grave disservice.

Ridiculing the claim of the society and its allies to the word "patriotism," Kuchel declared:

"They are anything but patriotic. Indeed, a good case can be made that they are unpatriotic and downright un-American, for they are doing a devil's work far better than communists could do."

Kuchel's 28-page speech was described by Senate veterans as the most sweeping attack ever

heard on the Senate floor against America's right wing.

Several senators joined in bipartisan praise of Kuchel's words and in turn denounced the right-wing groups.

A far different reaction, however, came from Rep. James B. Utt (R-Calif.), a frequent spokesman for ultracorporative causes. He assailed Kuchel's speech as "an hysterical defense of his position."

Kuchel said he had received hundreds of angry letters protesting a recent Army exercise in Georgia, known as operation Water Moccasin III, after right-wing groups had circulated reports that African troops under United Nations auspices were



Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) practices Senate speech blasting "fright eddlers." (AP)

taking part in the exercises as a prelude to taking over the United States.

Utt wrote in a newsletter to constituents several weeks ago that Africans reportedly were to be trained in the Georgia operation. Kuchel denounced this and what he called other "hoaxes."

"It is disgusting to find self-appointed saviors, whether infantile or cunning, preying profitably and psychotically on the fears of Americans in the name of anti-communism," Kuchel said.

Kuchel read letters from several California constituents who he said had been frightened almost to hysteria by reports such as these:

1. Thousands of Chinese Communist troops were poised on the Mexican border for an attack on California.

2. The law creating the U.S. arms control and disarmament agency transfers control of U.S. military forces to a Russian colonel. Kuchel said this "outright falsehood" can be traced to a stage play written in the early 1950s by Myron C. Fagan, national director of the Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood.

Kuchel said the Long Beach Independent, on March 15, quoted Rousselot as telling a Long Beach audience that "the United States government is trying to put all its armed forces under the command of a Russian general."

Deploing the "curious fact . . . that the fright peddlers" all claim to be conservatives, Kuchel continued: "They defile the honorable philosophy of conservatism with that claim as thoroughly as the Communists defile the honorable philosophy of liberalism."

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Kuchel said a 1961 report by the California state senate subcommittee on un-American activities found "heavy evidences of anti-Semitism throughout many of the booklets and in many of the Fagan speeches."

Kuchel also singled out for criticism former Rep. John H. Rousselot, a California Republican who was defeated for reelection last year and is now Western states governor for the Birch Society.

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The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Massachusetts
Office of the Illinois Coordinator

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From: [redacted]
To: All Chapter Leaders and Home Chapter members - Chicago area
Subject: [redacted] *Robert J. Haughurst*

1. [redacted] is under consideration by The Chicago Board of Education to direct a survey of the quality of Chicago's schools.
2. The enclosed material states authentically the background of [redacted]
3. The parents of children being educated in Chicago schools and all civic-minded citizens should question the capability of a man who is listed among typical signers of communist-front organizations and who has a long record of such activities, to evaluate the quality of Chicago's schools.
4. If you agree, please state your objections in letter form immediately by writing to: [redacted]

Chicago, Illinois

Also, write letters to the editors of:

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

5. Please pass this information on to as many friends as you can and ask them to express their dismay also.
6. We hear that May 8 is the probable day of confirmation for [redacted]. Please get your letters in the mail by the evening of May 5 if you can. But get them in the mail even later if you must.

As always, do only if your judgement and conscience permit.

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Strange Bedfellows . . .

School Superintendent Willis and School Board Chairman Fairfax Cone are planning to hire Robert J. Havighurst of the University of Chicago to "look" into the school system of Chicago to see what our children are learning.

Perhaps, they want to see if our kids are learning enough about some strange or controversial organizations and activities that exist in this country of ours. If so, they are hiring the right man.

A list of some of Mr. Havighurst's activities and organization affiliations follows

- (1) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born—signer of open letter—*Worker*, August 13, 1950, p. 8; pamphlet, October 28, 1952.
- (2) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born—signer of telegram—*Daily Worker*, December 2, 1952, p. 3.
- (3) Appeal for Amnesty for Jailed Leaders of the Communist Party Convicted Under the Smith Act—signer *Daily Worker*, December 10, 1952, p. 4.
- (4) Bill of Rights Conference—sponsor—call, July 16-17, 1949.
- (5) Chicago Clemency Appeal for Morton Sobell—signer of appeal—*National Guardian*, January 5, 1959, p. 9.
- (6) Chicago Committee Against War Propaganda—signer of protest—folder, May 21, 1948.
- (7) Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case—signer of open letter—*Daily Worker*, December 25, 1952, p. 8.
- (8) Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship—lecturer for—folder, 1945; folder, 1948.
- (9) Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions—sponsor—Chicago *Sun-Times*, January 3, 1949; *Worker* (Illinois edition), April 3, 1949, p. 2A.
- (10) Chicago Labor Committee for Peace—speaker—*Daily Worker*, March 21, 1950, p. 5.
- (11) Chicago Sobell Committee—signer of appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell—Hyde Park *Herald*, December 31, 1958, p. 16.
- (12) Committee for Peaceful Alternatives—endorser of cable urging cease fire in Korea and recognition of Red China—*Daily Worker*, December 11, 1950, p. 9.
- (13) Committee for Peaceful Alternatives—chairman of the board—letterhead, December 12, 1950.
- (14) Committee for Peaceful Alternatives—co-chair—*World Review*, March 1951, p. 9.

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(31) Open letter to Truman on Germany—signer—*Daily Worker*, July 17, 1952, p. 6.

(32) Petition for Defense of Communist Schools—signer—press release, April 7, 1948.

(33) Petition to Recognize Soviet China—signer—*Daily Worker*, March 5, 1951, p. 4.

(34) Statement Against Broyles Commission—signer—*Worker*, (Illinois edition), April 3, 1949, p. 13.

(35) Statement Denouncing FDR War-Powers Bill—signer—*Daily Worker*, February 5, 1941, p. 3.

(36) Statement Supporting Dissenting Opinions of Douglas and Black Toward Smith Act—signer—*Masses & Mainstream*, August 1951, p. 18.

(37) Statement for World Peace—signer—*Daily Worker*, November 19, 1951, p. 6.

(38) Wire to President Truman to Veto McCarran Bill—signer—*Worker*, September 17, 1950, p. 3.

(39) Jefferson School of Social Science—signer of statement protesting the Attorney General's listing the school as Communist—*Daily People's World*, July 6, 1954, p. 7.

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Chicago 31, Illinois

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
536 So. Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois
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Dear [redacted]

[redacted] and I mutually decided that it would be a good idea for me to send you the enclosed material. [redacted] has evidently discussed many problems of our day with you on the telephone and I am sure you are aware of the fact [redacted]

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The Home edition of today's Chicago Daily News carried an article pertaining to this communication which I sent to all Chapter Leaders and Home Chapter members in Illinois. It may be of no value at all to you but, on the other hand, you may want to start accumulating a file on our activities in this area. Consequently, I will be happy to provide you with any materials of this nature which you may wish. For instance, would it be of any value for you to receive a copy of every monthly Bulletin of the Society emanating from Belmont, Massachusetts, our home base? If you would like to receive this, please let me know and I will arrange it gladly.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very sincerely,

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re myairtel 11/2/62.

Attached hereto is a xeroxed copy of a letter dated 5/9/63, received 5/13/63. Also attached are xeroxed copies of material enclosed with this letter.

For the Bureau's information, the [REDACTED] referred to in this letter is [REDACTED] Illinois, who has called this office twice in the past 8 months regarding flyers she had picked up in the vestibule of their apartment building concerning meetings to be held at the residence of [REDACTED] (Bufile 100-27705), who is a Security Index subject of the Chicago Office.

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Although the attached copy of the letter indicates that [REDACTED] had discussed many problems of the day with Agent [REDACTED] no problems were discussed with her whatsoever and the total conversations with [REDACTED] had to do with the mailing in of the above two mentioned flyers.

In view of [REDACTED] connections with the John Birch Society and since his letter does not necessitate a reply, no acknowledgement is being sent regarding the attached letter.

The above is for the Bureau's information.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-26973)

DATE: 5-16-63 Q4

FROM :

SA [REDACTED] Q4

SUBJECT: EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION
OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS
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On May 3, 1963, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] a handwritten report dated April 29, 1963, concerning the meeting of the North Suburban Emma Lazarus Club held April 28, 1963, at 6530 North Newgard, Chicago, Illinois. The original of this information is located in A [REDACTED] and is as follows: Q4

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April 29, 1963
Chicago, Illinois

On Sunday evening April 28, 1963, at the home of [redacted] the North Suburban Emma Lazarus held their monthly meeting; the following were present:

The meeting was opened by [redacted] by making some announcements, that the annual Mother's Day luncheon will be held on May 5, 1963, at the Hamilton Hotel, The Evanston Urban League is holding a meeting featuring [redacted] as the featured speaker. That the mass meeting on May 19, 1963 should be supported, [redacted] will be one of the main speakers, and everyone should attend.

The speaker, [redacted] was introduced by [redacted] [redacted] spoke on Genocide and Free Speech; the topic of Genocide could be taken care of by the adoption of Genocide Convention that is pigeon holed in Congress, it would allow mass killing throughout the world, that was the main item on that subject.

feels that in Free Speech if you deny "Rockwell" free speech other persons of the opposite point of view, would also be banned, so therefore under the 1st Amendment everyone is guaranteed the right of free speech, but it is often misinterpreted.

[redacted] said that a few large companies are encouraging their employees to join the Birch Society.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-26973)

DATE: [5-16-63] Q4

FROM : SA [redacted] Q4

SUBJECT: EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION
OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS
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April 29, 1963
Chicago, Illinois

Response	Percentage
Current government is responsible	65%
Previous governments are responsible	35%

[redacted] called the meeting to order. The following announcements were made. The Mother's Day Luncheon on May 5th at the Hamilton Hotel. The Evanston-Urban League is holding a meeting on May 7th at the Washington School in Evanston. [redacted] will be the speaker. The May 19th mass meeting with [redacted] at the Sherman Hotel.

[redacted] introduced [redacted]

[redacted] topic was "Hate-Genocide and Free Speech." He said that the Genocide convention's ratification would solve all the problems on Racism but conservative and right wing factions in this country do not want the ratification.

He feels that to deny a Rockwell the right to speak also denies a left winger the same right. The Bill of Rights was added for everyone's protection but the interpretation of the first amendment was the difficulty. He said many large companies are urging their employees to join the Birch Society.

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California Probers Warn On New Hate Organizations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —The John Birch Society was described Wednesday as dedicated but not dangerous by a legislative committee in a report that warned of "a fresh new crop" of hate groups in California.

It reiterated that "the largest hate group the world has ever seen"—the Communist Party—still is hard at work in the state and must be watched, despite the relatively small number of party members, perhaps 2,000 here and 10,000 to 15,000 in the nation.

The Senate fact-finding subcommittee on un-American activities also charged Communists infiltrated some peace groups.

It rebuked attempts to lower the University of California bar on Communist speakers, complaining that "under the guise of academic freedom, apostles of the class struggle unite in a chorus of indignation at any attempt to hold an anti-Communist school, and at the same time participate in the activities of a score of Communist front organizations."

Sixty-one of the reports 202 pages were devoted to the Birch Society.

The committee found the society "a right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. We have not found the society to be either a secret or a fascist organization, nor have we found the great majority of its members in California to be mentally unstable, crackpots, or hysterical about the threat of Communist subversion."

Peace movements came in for criticism of their "naivete" and subversion by Communists.

It tabbed the Women's International Strike for Peace, Student Peace Union, with chapters at Southern California high schools, junior colleges and colleges—and the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy as groups serving Red purposes and guided by long-time Communist front organizers.

The new hate groups, the committee said, normally are small but in close contact with similar groups around the country.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-32906)

DATE: [7/2/63] Q4

FROM : SA [REDACTED] Q4

SUBJECT: JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS
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On 6/18/63, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a handwritten report dated 6/16/63, concerning the Annual JCCC Donor Day Dinner held 6/15/63, at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Q4

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~~Confidential~~ June 16, 1963
Chicago, Illinois

On Saturday night, June 15, 1963, the Cultural Clubs of Chicago, held their annual Donor Dinner at the Morrison Hotel. There were about 300 people present. Some of them were as follows:

[redacted] greeted everyone. She thanked everyone for helping her in preparation for the evening. She introduced [redacted] who was Chairman for the evening. [redacted] introduced everyone at the speakers table and then introduced dignitaries in the audience. The first speaker was [redacted] a Negro, who spoke about the plight and fight of the Negroes. He said that there must be unity. If the Negro loses this fight, he would look upon the U.S. with scorn. He felt that even now, the people of the world have lost their respect because of what is happening in the South.

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[] was the next speaker. He told about how the clubs were formed. An off-shoot of the old IWO and how some people are still afraid to join the ranks because of the McCarthy era. He told of the work of the clubs and how everyone should be proud of the fact that they belonged because of the good work the clubs were doing. He then introduced the people who were being honored by their clubs for their leadership and hard work they were doing for the clubs. He present each one with a scroll.

[] was next. He spoke about the work of the Anti-Nazi Committee and how the Cultural Clubs were instrumental in getting him interested in the Heusinger case.

[] was the main speaker of the evening. He spoke about the dangers of the Birch Society and all other ultra-right organizations. He complimented the Cultural Clubs and all their members on the fine work they were doing and he hoped they would continue to do the splendid work.

There was a musical program.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-36671)

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FROM : SA

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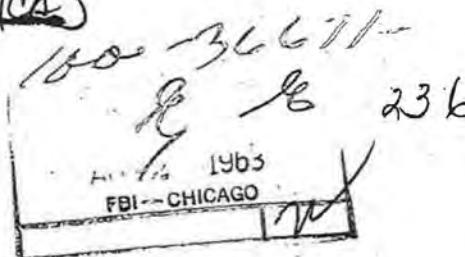
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISC.

On 7/26/63 there was received at this office by mail from an anonymous source various material concerning the captioned organization, contained in stamped and unfranked but addressed envelopes. This material was photostated exactly as received and the original material was again placed in the mails anonymously for delivery to the addressees. The photostatic material will be located in 100-36671-1A and has been marked for indexing.

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Subject's name and aliases AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY BOOK STORE: [redacted]			Address of subject 1008 North Blvd. 386-7730 (book store)			Character of case MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING			
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	Scars, marks or other data								
	Facts of complaint: [redacted] called to advise that that the above named store had recently opened at the above address, and it would appear that from the types of books available, the store is of the "JOHN BIRCH" type. [redacted] stated that the associates given in case of an emergency at the store are as follows: [redacted] (possibly [redacted] Ill.) [redacted] stated that [redacted] residence is given as [redacted] Ill, phone # [redacted] [redacted] requested that in the event that this office had any information of value concerning the above subjects, or that if his cooperation was ever needed concerning this matter, that he be contacted at any time. [redacted] stated that SA [redacted] of the Chicago office was frequently in contact with his department and that in the event that any info was available, that could be furnished his department, that it could be furnished thru SA [redacted] Indices negative re all of above subjects, and book store.								
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Welch Links Race Woes to Reds

Sees Communist Inspiration for Disorders

✓ Racial disturbances in the south follow a pattern set down by the Communist party as far back as 1928 and obviously are Communist inspired, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society, said last night.

The head of the national conservative organization spoke on a television panel show, "Your Right to Say It," sponsored by Northwestern university. The half hour program was moderated by Dr. James H. McBurney, dean of the school of speech, and was broadcast on WGN-TV.

✓ Welch said the Communist aim is to make a "Negro Soviet republic" in the United States.

Questioned by Newsmen

He was questioned by two newsmen, Robert E. Kennedy, chief editorial writer of the Chicago Sun-Times, and John Justin Smith, columnist for the Chicago Daily News.

In answer to a question about whether the Birch society is a racist organization, Welch

replied that "nothing could be further from the truth."

✓ "We have two chapters that are all Negro," he said. "We have one or two chapter leaders who are Negro. We have mixed chapters. We have two Negroes in our speakers bureau."

✓ Cites Local Wishes

✓ "We are integrated exactly as we think it should be in the entire United States. We follow the desires of the local people. We have chapters that are integrated because that's the way they want it."

In response to other questions, Welch said he believes that Negroes should have the right to vote and the opportunity to attend white public schools if the community believes in integration.

✓ "The question should be decided by the smallest possible unit in accordance with what the people themselves want, including the Negroes," he said.

✓ "The use of force illegally in the south has been carried out more by the federal government than by anybody else. The whole rioting [in Jackson, Miss.] was caused by the federal marshals. They threw tear bombs—tear gas bombs—into

girls' dormitories to stir up trouble. They did all kinds of things to stir up trouble."

Denies Society is Secret

He said that the Birch society is not a "secret society" ... not secret in any possible way.

"We don't tell how many members we have, and neither does, so far as I can think of, any other organization like ourselves," Welch said. "I don't believe that N. A. A. C. P. [the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People] — we don't think we're like them, but I'm taking some on the other side or the A. D. A. [Americans for Democratic Action] or the A. C. L. U. [American Civil Liberties Union] will tell you how many members they've got, nationally or locally. I don't think the D. A. R. [Daughters of the American Revolution] will or any others. It's a custom in America not to tell who your members are or how many, and we just follow a good, standard American custom."

"Anybody who wants to can get any of our bulletins by asking for them. They can come in our place and buy any of our literature. Anybody, as the California investigating committee pointed out, anybody who wants to go to one of our chapter meetings has no trouble whatsoever."

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Winnebago John Birchers

ROCKFORD—Here in Winnebago County lies one of the nation's hotbeds of John Birchism and the name of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) is a revered one. The most enthusiastic backers of Goldwater for President are the most active leaders in the John Birch Society's estimated seven chapters here.

It is guessed by local students of the Birch movement that each of these chapters has somewhere around 200 members. The John Birchers, always vociferously touting the Goldwater cause and charging that the State Department is guilty of "treasonous betrayal" of the nation, operate openly in the main.

At the same time, reporters covering Birch chapter meetings are admonished not to disclose the names of those present except those of acknowledged leaders.

For instance, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hills (he's a prominent local industrialist) admit their affiliation, open their home as a meeting place and maintain in their basement a reading room stocked with Birch literature.

ONE TENET of the Birchers is startlingly similar to a generally accepted and rigorously followed rule of the Communist Party. A Communist is permitted to lie that he is not a Communist. A member of the John Birch Society is given this rule to go by:

"If you belong to a lodge, you may wear a membership pin. If you belong to the John Birch Society, you may deny your membership."

Throughout the operation of the society here runs the theme that its members are embattled and may lose their jobs if it is disclosed that they are members.



WELCH

The John Birch Society has placed its stamp on local politics. It has heavily infiltrated the Winnebago County Women's Republican Club, substantially controls that organization and, thereby, is causing a certain amount of consternation in the regular Republican organization of the county. Instead of "following" the regular organization, the women's group with its theme of arch-conservatism is sort of taking over.

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The John Birch Society chapters here do not officially endorse Goldwater for the Republican nomination for President. If you are a Goldwater supporter, you are not necessarily a member of the John Birch Society. In fact, you might well believe in Goldwater and he might be your choice for President and you might think the John Birch Society is kind of silly.

On the other hand, if you are a member of the John Birch Society, you are an enthusiastic Goldwater backer. It will be interesting, if Goldwater decides to run for the nomination in '64, to study his campaign technique in Winnebago County. He would be walking a tightrope.

THE BIRCHITES feel a natural affinity for Goldwater because, for one thing, he spoke up on the Senate floor for the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, whose name with all letters in lower case became a new dictionary word (mccarthyism) standing for the use of indiscriminate allegations against individuals as a justifiable weapon against communism.

The society here does not repeat the charges expressed in writing by founder Robert Welch that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower; his brother, Milton and the late Sec. of State John Foster Dulles were all tools of the Communist conspiracy.

It just says that practically everybody in the federal government is pro-Communist.

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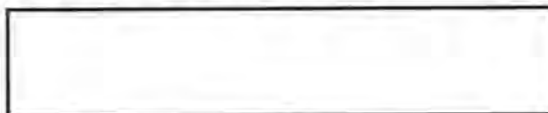
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THE 1964 ELECTIONS

and a speaker eminently qualified to discuss it

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

On Monday, October 21 - 8 p.m. - at the home of



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We are not satisfied to rest on the laurels of a successful repeat of last season's good attendance. We need your help in making this year's forum bigger and better. ATTEND our first meeting, BRING along one or two others and plan to PARTICIPATE in the questions and discussion for your own satisfaction and the stimulation of all the guests.

Refreshments? Of course!

Admission \$1.00 The \$1 will bring you a three-month introductory sub to THE WORKER. If you are a subscriber you may suggest a friend you wish to receive this trial sub.

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[redacted]
October 19, 1963

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed is a copy of the mimeographed flyer I received in the mail and told you about in our telephone conversation.

Also, I will renew my subscription to THE WORKER this week under [redacted] and will send a money order rather than a check which shows [redacted]

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This may be an unnecessary precaution and I suppose of little or no value because our name is most likely on their "enemy" list since we are so clearly identified with the John Birch Society.

I appreciate the conversation we had and am only too happy to notify you whenever I receive material such as this. It is part of the work we must do in order to preserve our Christian civilization from the hordes of atheistic Communists who would destroy our precious heritage.

With kind personal regards I am

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-36671) ✓

DATE: 10/23/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re Chicago letter to Director, 5/14/63, captioned
[REDACTED] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

On 10/16/63, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Illinois, telephonically contacted
the writer and advised that she had just received a flyer
announcing that the Elijah Lovejoy Freedom of the Press
Committee was opening its second session and that the first
get together would be on 10/21/63 at the home of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Illinois.

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[REDACTED] further advised that she was going to
renew her subscription to "The Worker" under the name of
[REDACTED] Illinois.

[REDACTED] advised that she would mail in the
above flyer.

On 10/21/63, the writer received a letter from
[REDACTED] together with the above mentioned flyer. Both
the flyer and the letter are being retained in file 100-36671.

The enclosed flyer announced that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
would speak at the first meeting of the Elijah Lovejoy
Freedom of the Press Committee, to be held on 10/21/63.
LIGHTFOOT was to discuss the 1964 elections.

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(Elijah Lovejoy Freedom of the Press Committee)

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THE OL' JOHN Birch Society appears to be trying to take on a new look. I talked at length the other day with its founder, Robert Welch, and I think he's greatly changed since he was interviewed a year ago.

(This week's interview was taped for the season's first Northwestern University Your Right to Say It program. This will be aired at 9:30 p.m. today on WGN-TV and you can measure the change for yourself.)

For one thing, Welch seems more at ease with newsmen—and willing to answer questions he ducked before.

He admitted, for example, that his right-of-right outfit has urged its members to infiltrate school boards and other local government bodies. Once in office, they are expected to sell the society's point of view, he said.

Are there John Birchers on any local school boards—maybe yours?

Welch said he just didn't know but he did say that if there are any they would be expected to sell their viewpoint however they can—including switching to rightist textbooks.

Maybe it's a good time to audit a school board meeting.

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536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605
November 18, 1963

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Illinois

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of November 13, 1963, and appreciate your calling this information to our attention.

Please feel free to contact this office any time you receive information which you think might be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

JRW

M. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Information concerning:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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and returned, [redacted] name check based on fact that [redacted] subject of their investigation listed membership in the Society.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE
May 3, 1963

Form Approved
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Headquarters Fifth US Army
1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd.

Chicago 19, Ill. Attn: Security Industrial Div.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (If a subsidiary, include name of parent company)

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME

Hill, Frank Leroy

2. AND OTHER NAME BY WHICH KNOWN (Alias, maiden or former legal name)

none

3. DATE OF BIRTH

7-16-1894

4. PLACE OF BIRTH

Chicago, Illinois

5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

076-07-7448

6. MARITAL STATUS

married

7. SEX

male

8. RACE

white

9. HEIGHT

5'10"

10. WEIGHT

205

11. COLOR EYES

brown

12. COLOR HAIR

gray

EDUCATION (Account for all, including schools)

YEARS (Include month if known)		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	GRADUATE		DEGREE
FROM	TO		YES	NO	
1900	1903	Eugene Field School, Rogers Park, Illinois		X	
1903	1906	Luling School, Manitowish, Wisc.		X	
1906	1908	Lincoln School, Berkeley, Calif.	X		
1908	1912	Berkeley High School, Berkeley, Calif.	X		
1913	1917	University of Calif., Berkeley, Calif.	X		BS - ME
1950-1951		University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.			
1951-1952		University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.			

NATURALIZED CITIZEN ONLY. COMPLETION 14 THROUGH 21

14. FORMERLY CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY

15. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

16. CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE WHERE NATURALIZED

17. COURT

18. DATE

19. CERTIFICATE NUMBER

20. FORMER ALIEN REG. NO.

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DERIVATIVE CITIZENSHIP

22. PARENT'S NAME

23. CERTIFICATE NUMBER

24. PLACE OF NATURALIZATION

25. COURT

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MILITARY SERVICE				
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U.S.A.	Navy		Apr 1917	Apr 1918
No reserve or National Guard				

5. TYPE OF DISCHARGE Ordinary	23a. LOCAL DRAFT BOARD (United States) AND ADDRESS --	6. ORDER NO. --	7. CLASSIFICATION --
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24. RESIDENCE (List all places of residence from 1 Jan 1937, starting with present)		
STREET, CITY, STATE, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND COUNTRY	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
222 Seventh St., Garden City, N.Y.	Mar 1936	May 1938
Hilton Hall, Garden City, N.Y.	May 1938	Oct 1940
100 Prospect Ave., Hackensack, N.J.	Oct 1940	Feb 1942
RR-1, Cherry Valley, Illinois	Mar 1942	Sep 1943
1405 National Ave., Rockford, Illinois	Sep 1943	Feb 1944
2326 Clinton Place, Rockford, Illinois	Feb 1944	Aug 1946
841 North Main St., Rockford, Illinois	Aug 1946	to present
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25. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP				
LIST ALL ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT LABOR UNIONS AND EXCEPT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ON DD FORM 484 IN WHICH YOU HOLD OR HAVE HELD MEMBERSHIP				
NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE	OFFICE HELD	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
Society Automotive Eng.	Professional	none	1916	1936
Inst. Aeronautical Sciences	Professional	none	1937	1941
Alpha Sigma Phi	College Fraternity	none	1914	to present
Tau Beta Pi	Honor Fraternity	none	1916	to present
Am. Soc. Tool & Mfg. Eng.	Professional	none	1952	to present
Wings Club, N.Y.C.	Professional	none	1938	to present
University Club of Chicago	Social	none	1943	to present
University Club of Rockford	Social	none	1942	to present
John Birch Society	Patriotic	none	1961	to present
Rockford Chamber of Commerce	Business	none	1960	to present
Conservative Society of America	Patriotic	none	1963	to present

26. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED OR RESIDED IN			
CITY AND COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.	DATE RETURNED U.S.	PL. CODE
London, Paris, Rome, Lucerne, England, France, Italy, Switzerland	Apr 8, 1953	May 25, 1953	Pleasure
London, Copenhagen, Hanover, Paris, Palma, Madrid, Lisbon, England, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Germany, France	Sep 6, 1957	October 19, 1957	Business
Frankfort, Innsbruck, Vienna, Stuttgart, Siegen, Dusseldorf, W. Germany, Austria, LeHavre, France	Jun 19, 1961	August 31, 1961	Business

27. RELATIVES				
a. LIST PARENTS, SPOUSE, (including maiden name) CHILDREN, BROTHERS, AND SISTERS (16 years and older). LIST EVEN THOUGH DECEASED.				
RELATION	NAME	ADDRESS (Enter "deceased" if no longer living)	PLACE & DATE OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Frank Leroy Hill	Deceased	-25-1854, Kingston, NY	
Mother	Nellie Potter Hill	Deceased	10-17-1859, St. Joe, Mo	
Sister				
Wife				
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b. LIST OTHER LIVING RELATIVES AND RELATIVES OF SPOUSE KNOWN TO BE RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES				
	None			

28. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had since 1917 and account for all periods of unemployment)				
POSITION HELD	EMPLOYER AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
President	Air Associates, Inc.	Garden City, New York and Peterboro, N.J.	Feb 1928	Nov 1941
Unemployed		Hackensack, N.J.	Nov 1941	Jan 1942
Partner	Aero Screw Co.	Rockford, Ill.	Feb 1942	Dec 1942
Partner	Aircraft Std. Parts Co.	Rockford, Ill.	Jul 1942	Dec 1942
Pres.	Aircraft Std. Parts Co. Inc.	Rockford, Ill.	Jan 1946	Jan 1947
Gen Mgr.	Aldrich Co.	Wyoming, Illinois	Jan 1947	Dec 1947
Partner	Hill Machine Co.	Rockford, Illinois	Nov 1945	Jun 1962
Pres.	Hill-Rockford Co.	Rockford, Illinois	Jul 1962	to present

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? INCLUDE ALL COURT MARTIALS, WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE. DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR 16TH BIRTHDAY. DO NOT INCLUDE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH THE ONLY PENALTY IMPOSED WAS A FINE OF \$25.00 OR LESS. ALL OTHER CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED EVEN IF THEY WERE DISMISSED.

☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES", GIVE DATE AND PLACE, CHARGE, AND DISPOSITION:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PREVIOUSLY GRANTED OR DENIED A SECURITY CLEARANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE, BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY?

a. GRANTED

☐ YES

☒ NO

b. DENIED

☐ YES

☒ NO

31. IF "YES", INDICATE WHEN GRANTED, WHERE, AND BY WHOM? IF DENIED, WHEN AND BY WHOM?

32. WHAT WAS THE LEVEL OF THE CLEARANCE?

33. REFERENCES (Give five personal references, stating business address of all references, if known. Do not include relatives, former employers, or persons living outside the United States.)

NAME

YEARS
KNOWN

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CITY

STATE

34. LIST ALL CURRENT AND FORMER POSITIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OWNER, OR ACT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY. (If none, so indicate).

None

CERTIFICATION

WARNING: Read every sentence of Certification before signing.

I certify that the entries made by me above are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States.

I certify that I know that any misrepresentation or false statement made by me herein may subject me to prosecution under Section 1001 of the United States Criminal Code, with penalties up to five (5) years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

I certify that I have read and understand each sentence of this Certification.

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SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE

DATE OF SIGNATURE

Frank L. Hill

5/2/62

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Subject

Date

Aliases

Address

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Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

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☐ All References

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Conservative Union of L.A.

100-11506-59 P.12 12/50 destroyed 2/15/60

Conserv. Constit. Party

100-16291-51 P.2 3/53 INE

Conserv. League

? 100-18957-116 (1948) Semi-Educational organization.

Conserv. Party

? 105-7084-1 P.3 12/59 Part of United Opposition Parties of Nicaragua

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[Redacted] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;			Address of subject [Redacted]		Character of case INFORMATION CONCERNING	
Complainant [Redacted]			Complainant's address and [Redacted]		Complaint received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>12-12-63</u> Time <u>11:10am</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Eyes	Birth date and Birthplace	
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight			Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data					
	[Redacted]					

Facts of complaint

[Redacted] advised that during 9/63 while enroute to California he passed through Amarillo, Texas and while driving through Amarillo on Rte 66 noticed a billboard which read "Impeach Earl Warren. For information write Box 6093, Amarillo, Texas."

[Redacted] advised that out of curiosity he wrote to the above box number and on or about 10/25/63 received in the mail an envelope containing numerous pamphlets mostly concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Included in this envelope was a typewritten letter from [Redacted]

[Redacted] In the middle of this letter was a sticker urging [Redacted] to order "THE WARREN IMPEACHMENT PACKET" for \$1.00 from The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren, Belmont 78, Mass.

[Redacted] stated that he never sent for the packet however, on 12/9/63 he received in the mail at his home an envelope from the Movement to Impeach Warren which contained an essay on impeaching Warren and a blank petition urging impeachment which contained room for 50 signatures.

[Redacted] advised that in the original envelope of pamphlets which he had requested was included a reprint of a speech of DIRECTOR HOOVER which appeared in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960.

Both envelopes with all pamphlets were left with the writer by [Redacted]

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Birch Aid Says Attack on JFK Is 'Reasonable'

BY ROY OLSON

A high-ranking member of the John Birch society terms a recent scathing indictment of the late President Kennedy by a University of Illinois professor "a perfectly reasonable point of view."



John Rousselot

Between planes at O'Hare airport, John H. Rousselot, western regional governor of the ultra right wing group, discussed a recent article in a Birchite publication in which Prof. Revilo P. Oliver asserted that Kennedy was assassinated because he fell behind in a communist plan for taking over the United States. "I haven't discussed the matter with the professor," said Rousselot, former Republican congressman from Arcadia, Cal. "but I think his is a reasonable point of view."

Rousselot stressed that Oliver was not voicing the policy of the society. "The only stand the society has taken on the assassination is that it feels that Lee Harvey Oswald was a disciplined Marxist working under orders," Rousselot said. However, he said his personal views tended to coincide with Oliver's.

Rousselot said he also agreed with Oliver's contention that Kennedy had collaborated with Nikita Khrushchev in a "phony embargo" during the Cuban crisis to give cover for transfer of Soviet troops and weapons to be used against the United States.

The former congressman, however, balked at labeling Kennedy a communist. "But he had the advice of communists or communist sympathizers," Rousselot said.

Rousselot also discussed:

President Johnson — "His record shows that he is basically an extreme leftist, not the conservative he is trying to portray. He will advocate the same policies as Kennedy, policies which we oppose."

The Chinese-Russian ideological split — "I don't think it is anywhere near as serious as people would like us to believe. It's certainly not serious enough to stop the Communists from thinking about world domination."

The battle for the Republican nomination — "The Birch society is not a political party and it is not supporting anyone. Personally, I'm a strong supporter of Barry Goldwater. He's a strong leader of the conservative view and he has the best chance of winning if he is nominated."

Richard Nixon — "I prefer Nixon to Johnson, but it's not as clear cut a choice as between Goldwater and Johnson. Nixon's anxious to be a candidate and he's talking a strong anti-Communist line these days. That's something he didn't do when he ran for governor in California."

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BIRCHITE BACKS U. I. TEACHER

John H. Rousselot, former congressman from California and now a representative of the John Birch society, said yesterday that Revilo P. Oliver, University of Illinois professor, had researched his material well before making an attack on former President John F. Kennedy.

Rousselot made his comments during a brief stopover at O'Hare International airport while en route from the University of Wisconsin in Madison to Columbus, O. He said that altho Oliver was not citing Birch society policy, the society

agreed with Oliver when he wrote that Kennedy was killed by the Communists because he was not moving to the left fast enough.

The former congressman also revealed that the John Birch society is growing larger. He attributed the growth to greater understanding and less fear by the public.

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Agents Use Call Girls to Control Senate: Birchite

A University of Illinois professor who last month charged that President Kennedy was part of a communist conspiracy is taking aim at a new target—the United States Senate.

Writing in the March issue of American Opinion magazine, Prof. Revilo P. Oliver said a majority of United States senators "are now kept in line by blackmail made possible by highly trained and expert call girls."

Published by Birchers

He quoted "informed sources." The magazine is published by the ultra-conservative John Birch society.

The article says the call-girl operations that keep 55 senators in line are financed by American taxpayers and executed by secret agents "who installed concealed microphones and hidden cameras, including infra-red equipment."

That explains votes for disarmament and also "the massive resistance that would be opposed to any proposal for an open and searching investigation," the article says.

Tells Ranger Raid

The same article refers to a raid by Texas Rangers last year on a criminal hangout where documents "that astonished even seasoned observers" were seized.

"The membership of the Communist party in Texas had been officially estimated at about 500," the magazine said. "That was obviously too low, but few were prepared for the discovery of a list containing the names of 10,000 interna-

tional criminals, members or conscious accomplices of the conspiracy residing in Texas."

U. of I. Review

Oliver, professor of classics at the University of Illinois, wrote in the February issue of the magazine that President Kennedy was assassinated because he was falling behind in a communist timetable to take over the United States. He said Kennedy's memory "will be cherished with distaste."

Oliver is a member of the Birch society's national commission.

President David D. Henry of the University of Illinois has asked a faculty committee on academic freedom and tenure to review Oliver's case.

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Prof. Oliver Looses New 'Plot' Charge

Far-Rightist Assails Foes As Communist-Led 'Vermin'

BY HENRY HANSON

Of Our Springfield Bureau

DECATUR, Ill. — Prof. Revilo P. Oliver unleashed his peculiar brand of thunder on the right Wednesday night, and stunned Decatur.

Oliver charged that the Warren commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy is plotting to conceal its findings.

He also said current efforts to pass civil rights legislation is part of "the international Communist conspiracy" to take over America.

Oliver repeatedly referred to Jack Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, as Jack Rubenstein and suggested that Ruby was a Communist agent involved in an intricate plot to kill the President.

Oliver, a University of Illinois classics professor, lumped his critics all in one class, as Communist "vermin."

✓ **IN A SPEECH** to a crowd of 500 persons in Decatur's Orlando Hotel, Oliver used the word "vermin" six times, the word "puke" four times and made frequent use of the adjectives "spit" and "vomit" in referring to anyone who did not share his views.

He attacked the press, saying, "We have some really ingenious rats scuttling about in the sewers of American journalism."



REVILO P. OLIVER

✓ He hinted that Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy participated in a plot to release Oswald as a suspect in the firing of a shot last summer at former Gen. Edwin A. Walker of

Dallas, a right-wing spokesman.

OLIVER SAID he thought Robert Kennedy should speak out on a lecture tour in areas where Oliver has spoken.

"One wonders," he said, why Bobby himself not only remains silent but has refused an invitation to speak after me on a lecture series and to re-

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/18/64

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (105-4630)
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
SUBJ: NSRP
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 6, 1964, there was received from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, a written report concerning a meeting between representatives of right-wing organizations held January 3, 1964, at Chicago. This report, which is retained as A [REDACTED]

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(White male American, age approximately 28, friend of [REDACTED] attended right wing meeting January 3, 1964,

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Chicago, Illinois: Friday 3, January, 1964, Right Wing Organizations, Atlantic Hotel TAP, 323 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

An earlier meeting had been held at the Fort Dearborn Hotel, La Salle and Van Buren, Chicago, Illinois, reportedly conducted by [redacted] various members of the group going to the Atlantic Hotel Tap after the general meeting broke up. These men formed some of the leadership of several of the right wing organizations operating in the Chicago area, or represented them through membership.

[redacted] was the only known late arrival meeting at the Atlantic Hotel Tap; he had not been to the Fort Dearborn Hotel.

Including [redacted] other persons present at the Atlantic Hotel, and the organizations that they represented were; [redacted] of the NSRP; [redacted] a contractor and a member of the NSRP and a man [redacted] and [redacted] reported to be a member of the NSRP [redacted] and [redacted] both of the ANP. [redacted] of the ANP and the NSRP, [redacted] who is a member of the John Birch Society, and [redacted] A young man named [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] and [redacted] ANP.

✓ This group met with the idea of creating plans for the consolidation of certain actions of the Right Wing groups. There was not a lot discussed at the table that had not previously been discussed in earlier meetings between [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and members of the ANP.

[redacted] attempted to keep the meeting on an open and a friendly level, and made the remark, "Let's face it, everybody at this table is a Nazi. Right!" Everyone there seemed to be in agreement with this. There was some general sparring as to aims and means, the members present openly appeared to be in agreement with the general line of thought. When questioned about some of the interests and activities of the NSRP, [redacted] looked around the table with a smile and said, "Gentlemen the initials NSRP actually stand for, 'National Socialist Revolutionary Party', now the secret is out. That is what the initials actually stand for."

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[] is a talkative person, who will spend 20 minutes to say something that nearly anyone else could and would say in 5. [] appeared to be conducting this meeting, and was mentioned as chairman on one or two occasions and referred to himself in this title. He is one of these people who will do a lot of talking about a lot of action, but does not seem to be able to get started on any action.

After about an hour [] appeared to have had a fill of continuous talking and repeating the same statements and ideas. He got permission to make a full statement without any interruption, and then addressed the group.

"We are today in the same position that the American Indian was in 100 years ago. We are fighting for the survival of a way of life, and we are now doing it the same stupid way that the Indian did it, and he lost. When the white man was moving west he kept saying, 'All we want is for our wagons to go through here, or all we want is one more little piece of ground for farm.' Before long he was looking out over the Pacific Ocean and the American Indian was living on a reservation under starvation conditions. The various tribes tried to stand off the white man alone and they were defeated one by one. That is what is happening to the white man today. There were more than enough Indians to stop the white man at the Mississippi or the Missouri Rivers if they had all banded together. If they had done this they could have put up a skirmish line that would have run from the Canadian Border to the Gulf of Mexico. They didn't because they could not get over their individual differences and they were wiped out. Now the time has come for us to get over the various differences in the various organizations of the so-called Right Wing.

The so-called Right Wing has enough power in its ranks, and can attract enough outside support to do anything it sets out to do. As a solid operating unit working in coordination it can do anything, as individual units it can do nothing. You want to know what to do? I'll tell you what to do [] We, here, all of us, have got to get together, and agree on one important thing. As [] has mentioned there is an election coming in November, of 1964, a big and an important one. [] would like to be Vice President. We can working together select a man, already known in politics, preferably a man already in office. Check his record. If that record shows right wing leanings, if he was against forced open occupancy, forced integration, that is our man. We tell the various members of our

separate organizations to support this man, we all work for this man, quietly. We do this very quietly. Not as ANP or NSRP or Birchites, because then the guy will never make it. We just support him with our votes. There is enough power in the right wing to put him in office. Another thing is for all of the various member organizations of the right wing to work in support of each other. That [] is what you will have to do to stay alive and to protect this way of life that we are fighting for. Or else, in 30 years or so, we can wind up just like the American Indian, on a reservation."

[] informed [] that this was already been discussed sometime before his arrival and [] asked, "Then what the hell have you been talking about since then."

There was further discussion and [] gave the impression that he was thinking of putting the entire right wing under one head. This met with some quiet thought from all of those present. [] and [] both exchanged glances, and [] said, [] let's get one thing straight. I am a member of the American Nazi Party and so are these two men sitting next to me, and we are Nazis today, tomorrow and ten years from now. We don't want you to have anything to do with the ANP we don't want you as a member, we want you to keep the hell away from the ANP and we don't want anything to do with the NSRP as far as joining is concerned. If we do that we will destroy the very thing that we are working for. The ANP is known throughout the country as the striking or the shock force of the right wing. We are the ones who hold the pickets, and get jailed. We are the only ones that can hold a picket that will draw any attention. The NSRP is known as a political and an information organization, and we want it left that way. That is what we are talking about. Consolidating the right wing without destroying the various member organizations identities."

There was discussion in this, these ideas seemed to meet with the approval of everyone present. [] mentioned that there was to be a meeting of the Communist Party for some reason or another in Chicago on February 29, 1964, and it was agreed that this should be picketed. It was further agreed that there would be no uniforms and no Swastikas, and that the banners or signs would be anti-communist only. It was further agreed that the ANP would actually run the picket with other groups working in support.

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There was also some discussion about getting [redacted] of the ANP and [redacted] of the NSRP together for a meeting. The idea being that some of their representatives had been able to get along and that if the ideas of their representatives were to work that the heads of the various organizations would have to be able to get along also. The members present of the ANP agreed to attempt to reach [redacted] who was due in Chicago towards the end of February. [redacted] said that he would talk to [redacted] and that he felt fairly certain that he could get [redacted] to agree to their plans.

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The group moved to a nearby Pixley & Ehlers Cafeteria for coffee and then broke up. It was agreed to meet at [redacted] house on Sunday, January 12, 1964. [redacted] drove young [redacted] to Cicero, Illinois, letting him out about 13th Street and Cicero Avenue, in the suburb. [redacted] did not want to be driven directly home, advising he had something to do first. It was then about 1:30 AM, January 4.

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Matter of Truth

The condemnations, expressed in your letters column Feb. 22, of Prof. Revilo P. Oliver's views show the ignorance that prevails in some minds.

Fascism and communism are closely related, as are all other factions of socialism. Because of this relationship J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, frequently refers to communism as Red fascism.

Prof. Oliver and the John Birch society are opposed to all factions of socialism. They are for constitutional government based on fundamental American principles.

Senators Tower and Goldwater and numerous other conservatives of all walks of life received threatening phone calls and letters from leftwingers after the assassination of President Kennedy. Proof enough of who the true radicals are in this country.

In contrast, the Birch society's weapon is truth; its method is to make these truths known to the American people.

The ones who get hurt most by the truth are the Communists and their sympathizers. And that's why a Moscow directive was issued in December, 1960, to destroy the John Birch society and all anti-communist groups ["The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program," Senate judiciary committee report, July 11, 1961].

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Birch Chief Tells Disagreement On Oliver Article

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—John Birch Society leader Robert Welch said Wednesday he is not in complete agreement with a University of Illinois professor who attacked the late President John F. Kennedy in the society's magazine.

Welch was asked at a press conference whether he backed the views of classics professor Revilo P. Oliver, a member of the Birch Society's national council who wrote that Americans would remember Mr. Kennedy "with distaste."

Oliver, writing in the Birch Society publication American Opinion, said Mr. Kennedy was killed because he had fallen behind a Communist timetable for takeover of the United States. Welch, who is editor of the magazine, praised the article in an introduction.

Welch said Wednesday: "I definitely did not agree with some of his (Oliver's) premises and some of his conclusions. We are not going into a song and dance about academic freedom, but we think the article was worth publishing."

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The John Birch Society

WE DON'T KNOW how much weight the John Birch Society and its leader, Robert Welch, continue to wield around the countryside. But the society is still very much in the Goldwater campaign, especially in California, and it is high time the Arizona senator kicked these reckless fury-rousers out of his camp, once and for all.

Only last month the emeritus taffy-puller from Belmont, Mass., was regaling a Deatur (Ill.) audience with fresh attacks on former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and the late John F. Kennedy, suggesting once more that they were willing tools, if not outright members, of the Communist conspiracy.

And one of Welch's chief Illinois lieutenants, classics professor Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, chimed in with some fresh invective against the newspapers who dare challenge the carefree campaign of character assassination conducted by the Birchers. He deplored "the prurient pus that comes out of the press in a desperate effort to destroy the society."

Our concern about the society has to do only with its relationship with the forthcoming campaign for the Presidency and the indignity the society imposes upon this solemn American political ritual.

It is true that Goldwater has railed occasionally at Welch, declaring that his views are "far removed from reality and common sense" and inviting him to surrender the presidency of the Birch Society.

But he has resisted condemning or disclaiming the society itself, and indeed has enjoyed the support of its principal leaders in the California campaign. In fact, he has gone out of his way to praise the "good, sincere" people who help comprise its

membership. "I have no intention of denouncing members of the society," he has said, "so long as their remarks are temperate and in keeping with the decency called for in American politics."

The "bible" of the Birch society is the text written by Welch: a book that challenges the loyalty of every President since Herbert Hoover and that smears a generous cross-section of American leadership, Republican and Democratic alike. We recall hearing no comment from a leading Bircher that did not echo the Welch line.

The contribution of this group to the earnest dialog leading to the selection of an American President is nil. And its currency is a blend of the sly smear and the Big Lie. For his own good, the Republican Party's good, and the country's good, we urge Goldwater to disengage himself completely from the embrace of the John Birch Society.

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Drop Oliver Case, U. Of I. Urged

Special to The Sun-Times

URBANA—The University of Illinois was urged Thursday by its law faculty to drop its study of Prof. Revilo Oliver's attack on the late President John F. Kennedy.

Oliver recently wrote an article for American Opinion, a John Birch Society publication in which he said Mr. Kennedy was assassinated because he fell behind a Communist timetable to take over the United States.

Later, university president

David D. Henry asked the U. of I. Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure to look into the matter. Roger B. Pogue, president of the university's alumni association, in a letter to Oliver, asked the professor of classics to quit the faculty.

In its statement, the College of Law faculty said Henry's first reaction that an opinion expressed as a private citizen should not be subject to disciplinary control was correct.

The president's later decision to refer the matter for study was wrong, the statement added. The law faculty further said the issue should be dropped entirely as a matter of academic concern.

Emmett B. McNatt, chairman of Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, said he will not call a special meeting of the study group but when it next convenes it will hold an exploratory session on the article.

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fute, if he can, anything that I have said."

In an elaborately prepared text of his address, Oliver included a crude drawing of Dallas streets and suggested that somebody in power in Washington determined that Mr. Kennedy should drive past the Texas School Book Depository, from which the fatal shots were fired, rather than proceeding on a more direct route.

OLIVER'S introductory appearance at the meeting brought a spattering of boos and some wild, standing applause. Decatur Police Chief James May assigned eight plainclothes police to prevent violence.

Oliver began with the words, "Fellow members of the John Birch Society and others . . ."

The professor was an early organizer of the Birch Society.

OLIVER SPOKE to an organization called the Community Lecture Series. It is headed by Dr. Dale Scholz, a general practitioner from nearby Mount Zion.

Scholz, a personable fellow, told The Daily News before the Oliver speech, "I am a general practitioner of medicine who has more guts than brains." He said he had distributed Oliver's speech to all newspapers in the country with 10,000 or more circulation.

Scholz said he was a dedicated member of the Birch society and that in Illinois politics he preferred State Treasurer William J. Scott over industrialist Charles H. Percy for the GOP nomination for governor.

AS OLIVER rose to make his address, the scattered "boos" that rang out were greeted with shout of "Throw the bum out."

Oliver's diatribe included the charge that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency recently contributed \$400,000 to the Soviet secret police \$400,000 to the Communist Party in Italy and \$400,000 to the Communist Party in America.

The speech ended with these words:

"Your time is running out. The question before you is whether you and your children will regret that they were born."

SCHOLZ SAID Oliver did not request a fee for the speech but that fees up to \$235 had been paid to past speakers.

Oliver, a large, gray-haired, mustached man, wore a dark blue suit with matching maroon necktie and a pocket handkerchief.

The Birch society has a strong membership in the Decatur area.

A typical sentence from Oliver's address referred to critics of an article by Oliver in the society's magazine "American Opinion."

Oliver replied, "The vermin did their best to conceal (my conclusions) with their venomous vomit."

University trustees defending freedom of expression decided Wednesday not to discipline Oliver for his far-out comments.

John Birch Chief Lashes at All Foes

BY HENRY HANSON
Staff Writer

DECATUR, Ill. — John Birch Society leader Robert Welch lashed out here Wednesday night at beatniks, the late Eleanor Roosevelt, last summer's "Freedom March" on Washington and opponents of the Birch Society.

He called opponents of the society "liars, scoundrels, embezzlers and debauchers."

Welch also condemned "the last two Presidents of the United States" — the late President John F. Kennedy and former President



ROBERT WELCH

Eisenhower — for advocating "interdependence rather than independence for this country" in Fourth of July speeches.

Welch spoke here at a lecture series whose chairman, Dr. Dale Scholz of nearby Mount Zion, is an avowed member of the Birch Society.

Most of a crowd of 250 persons, in a high school auditorium that seats 900, gave Welch a standing ovation when he was introduced.

Classics Prof. Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, a council member of the society, introduced Welch after defending the Birch Society from what he called "the prurient pus that comes out of the press in a desperate attempt to destroy the society."

Oliver said the society's current strength indicates that "all of that pus is exuded in vain."

WELCH DENOUNCED

"collectivists" as the "forces of evil" and hailed "anti-collectivists" as the "forces of good," declaring that the "forces of evil are always organized while the forces of good are always disorganized."

"It is the destiny of the John Birch Society to fill this void," Welch said. "We are something new in history. We must advocate less government and more individual responsibility."

Welch added without explanation, "The whole key to our working together is tolerance and no compromise."

He denounced the late Mrs. Roosevelt, "The disgusting beatniks of both sexes" and supporters of the Negro March on Washington last summer as Communist sympathizers or "collectivists."

"COMMUNISM IS a huge dirty boil on the body of man-

kind," he said. "It poisons the body. It needs to be lacerated and drained."

Welch detailed what he described as Communist or "collectivist" movements in the last 2,000 years of world history. He dismissed Greek philosopher Plato as "infected" with a "fantastic conception of progress."

Welch condemned Communists for conducting clandestine operations. "The thrill of belonging to some mysterious inner circle is one of the strong appeals for belonging," he said.

He did not allude to the fact that Birch Society membership is secret and that the society has never disclosed total membership or funds.

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OUR MOST SINCERE AND EARNEST INVITATION

On Friday evening, June 5th, 1964, the Chicago-area Chapters of The John Birch Society will present, with pride, an address by [redacted]

We wish to extend to you our most sincere and earnest invitation to attend.

[redacted] will speak in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The program will begin at 8:00 P.M. At the speaker's table, with [redacted] will be many of the members of the National Council of The Society.

Our expressed pride in [redacted] is not based on emotionalism, for he is not a glamorous man; nor is it blind and stubborn in the face of contradictory facts, for the play is not yet over. Our pride in him IS based on his courage, his honesty, his integrity and his proven record of accuracy.

We merely ask you to see him, hear him and judge him for yourself. For it is our firm conviction that the time has come, indeed, for every American to face the realities of the world about him.

An order card is enclosed for your convenience in securing tickets. They are also available from either of two American Opinion Bookstores - 1008 North Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois and 1410 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois - or from any member or friend of The Society whom you may happen to know. In all cases, the donation is \$2.00 per ticket.

Very sincerely,

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Birch Society's Chief Dodges Questions Here

The founder of the John Birch Society said he had "nothing to say" here Friday night and then spoke for two hours.

Robert Welch, head of the ultra-conservative organization, addressed some 1,500 followers in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Before he spoke, Welch was questioned by reporters.

"Whom do you think will get the Republican nomination for President?" asked one.

"I have nothing to say," replied Welch.

He repeated the same answer to other questions.

"Do you have anything at all to say, Mr. Welch?" a reporter finally asked.

"I have nothing to say," he answered, "and when you have nothing to say, you say nothing."

"There has been an unceasing battle between the forces of evil and good as far back as we can see," Welch said in his speech. "And wrong seems to have been victor over a large portion of the way."

Welch is in Chicago to attend a private meeting of the Birch Society's executive council.

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Welch Hails Anti-Birch Move Defeat

URBANA (AP)—The founder of the John Birch society, Robert Welch, is reported to be "pleased and surprised" at the margin by which the Republican national convention rejected platform amendments condemning the Birch society. Welch left for Boston Wednesday after conferring with Revilo P. Oliver, a University of Illinois classics professor and Birch society leader.

Welch would not comment on the convention, but Oliver's wife Grace told a newsman. Welch was "pleased and surprised" by the size of the majority which rejected the anti-Birch platform plank.

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Mabley's Report:

Red 'Takeover' Odds Drop in Six Years

BY JACK MABLEY

YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM ROBERT WELCH, when he founded the John Birch society in 1958, the odds against America being saved from communist enslavement were 100 to 1.



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By early 1962 the odds were down to 10 to 1; by early '63, to 6 to 1; by late '63, 4 to 1. With Goldwater the G. O. P. nominee, the odds may be down now to 3 to 1 or even 2 to 1.

Heartening news. Makes one shudder at where we might be if Welch HADN'T started the Birch society.

These odds are reported in his latest instructions to the troops. There also is a financial report of sorts. The society and a closely related companion publishing organization took in \$1,621,844.91 in 1963.

Their goal this year is "an additional 4 million dollars above the approximately 2 million dollars we believed we could count on as 'regular' revenue."

To my knowledge, this is the first time the Birch society finances have been made public.

One more item to update our chronicling of the society. This week completes the fourth year of continuing and vigorous disagreement with the policies of Welch and his society. It was on the first day of the 1960 Republican convention that we first exposed the society.

It was true then and it is true today that Welch and the Birch society are not guilty of bigotry or racial or religious prejudice. There have been plenty of attempts to smear them on these grounds, but the charge simply is not true.

Welch has just announced a yearly scholarship for Negro college students. A thousand dollars will be given to a deserving Negro youngster each year to start, and they hope to increase the sum to include others, and several thousands of dollars a year.

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WHEN I WAS A LOW TEEN growing up in Detroit, one of the forbidden fruits which we regularly sampled was a trip to the Avenue Burlesque theater.

We always sauntered casually up the sidewalk toward the place, as if we didn't even know it existed. Then opposite the ticket window we did a quick turn, barreled up to the window, got the ticket, and looking neither right nor left, legged it inside, hoping we weren't recognized on the way in.

Once inside you were safe, because there were a lot of dumb old men sitting there. Some hags were stumbling around the runway, but our appreciation of the subtler points of feminine grace hadn't been cultivated then, and we thought it all was big stuff, and wicked.

A little of this guilty feeling of hoping nobody will recognize me buying a ticket has hung on as the burlesque houses dwindled, but foreign films filled the gap. Is it really curiosity or appreciation of an art form that draws one to "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" or "Seduced and Abandoned," with live models in the lobby.

I am encouraged by an opinion from a religious magazine of the Methodist Publishing House, Christian Advocate. It is published in Park Ridge.

MOTION PICTURES SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED, so adults would not be forced to take their "art at the child's level," says the magazine.

They rapped some Hollywood versions of sex as "dishonest." But they commended: "... some recent foreign-made movies which, in their frank treatment of sex, bring out the moral lesson that sex is devoid of meaning when sought as an end in itself."

Thinking back, most of these films which have seemed gamey have also been extremely moralistic. Christian Advocate has a sound idea, but maybe teens shouldn't be excluded. A movie might communicate where a preacher failed.

4% at GOP Parley Believed Birchers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Estimates of the number of Republican convention delegates and alternates who were members of the John Birch Society run as high as 4 per cent according to John Rousselot, the society's public relations director.

"On the basis of what I know of delegations from California, Arizona, Illinois and a number of other states I would estimate something less than 4 per cent of the total delegates and alternates attending the convention were members of the John Birch Society," Rousselot said.

Rousselot said that society members in some Eastern states were asked to step aside and let others become delegates "because state leaders in those instances did not want to make it appear that the John Birch Society was dominating the convention."

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Birchers Claim Few Delegates

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Estimates of the number of Republican convention delegates and alternates who are members of the John Birch society run less than 4 per cent, John Rousselot, the society's public relations director, said Friday.

"We haven't run a nose count, however," said Rousselot, former California congressman.

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John Birch Society Won't Endorse Goldwater, Says Chicago Recruiter

BY JOHN CULHANE

The John Birch Society will not endorse Sen. Barry Goldwater "any more than a church would, or the Lions Club or the Knights of Columbus," its chief recruiter in the Midwest said Thursday.

Robert J. Koenig, 45, who operates from his home at 6820 N. Osceola, said the society has been picking up new members "quite nicely" and will open a Chicago office this year.

He described the society as being in the "center" of the political spectrum, rather than at the extreme right.

"THE EXTREME right is anarchy, and the extreme left is a totalitarian state," Koenig said. "We're in the center of that."

"Gov. (Nelson) Rockefeller is the extremist — he's a statist," Koenig said. "His whole approach to government is to give the state more power."

"Our philosophy is less government and more individual responsibility. We're right

alongside the men who set up this government."

"Although we espouse conservatism, the society will not take a position in the November election," he said.

"We're not a political organization. 'Go South, and most of our members are Democrat. Up here, I suppose, they're mostly Republican.'"

"I dare say most of the members are for Goldwater, but we couldn't take a position as an organization."

SOCIETY members sponsor American Opinion Libraries and bookstores throughout Illinois, Koenig explained. He mentioned one in Oak Park, one in Rockford and a bookstore at 1410 Waukegan Rd., Glenview.

Two of the society's 26 national councillors live in Chicago, he said. They are Stillwell J. Conner, 6657 N. Sioux, president of Modern Sleep Products, 7236 W. Touhy, and Slobadan M. Draskovich, editor of a Serbian language newspaper and president of the St. Sava Serbia Culture Club, 448 W. Barry.

Koenig said he and Norman L. Thomas, 1933 Big Oak Lane, Northbrook, put on presentation meetings for prospective members in Illinois. Thomas is Illinois co-ordinator for the society.

"OUR MAIN projects are the movement to impeach (Chief Justice) Earl Warren and the move to get the United States out of the United Nations," Koenig said.

While refusing to give out any figures on membership, Koenig maintained that the organization is not a secret one.

"We encourage people to make their membership known," he said. It's the only way to grow.

"But some members have been subjected to harassment and a few believe they have lost jobs because of their affiliation."

Koenig said he is a 1945 graduate of Loyola University and was a floor covering salesman when he joined the John Birch Society in April, 1959. He became a full-time employee of the society in May, 1961.

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U. Of I.'s Oliver Subpenaed By Warren Group

Special to The Sun-Times

CHAMPAIGN — Prof. Revilo P. Oliver, a member of the John Birch Society, has been subpenaed to appear before the Warren commission at Washington Wednesday.

The wife of the University of Illinois faculty member disclosed Tuesday that the summons from the commission investigating President John F. Kennedy's assassination arrived this week.

Oliver has speculated that Kennedy may have been killed because he fell behind in an alleged Communist timetable for a Red takeover of the United States.

The classics professor expressed that opinion last February in an article in American Opinion, the organ of the Birch society.

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Warren Probers to Hear Oliver

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI) — Prof. Revilo Oliver has been subpoenaed to appear before the Warren commission in Washington.

The wife of the University of Illinois classics professor said the subpoena arrived this week.

Oliver, a member of the John Birch Society, authored a magazine article (in American Opinion) this summer in which he said the late President Kennedy was assassinated because he fell behind in an alleged Communist timetable for a Red takeover of the United States.

The Warren commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, was created to investigate all aspects of the assassination.

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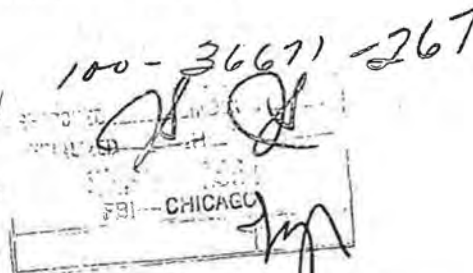
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On 9/13/64, [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer and advised that she [redacted] are moving to [redacted] on or about 10/1/64. She advised that she was making this call because of her "The Worker" subscription which she is changing to reflect her address in [redacted]

During the brief conversation with [redacted] she advised that [redacted] owns a bedding factory in [redacted] and also advised that [redacted] the John Birch Society.

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Birch Society Sues NBC For Libel

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)

—The John Birch Society and three of its officers have filed libel damage suits totaling \$8,000,000 against the National Broadcasting Co. and NBC News.

The two suits, filed in the U.S. District Clerk's office in Fort Worth cited a May 20 broadcast by Chet Huntley and David Brinkley as basis for the legal action.

The suits, similar in terminology, allege Huntley-Brinkley newscasters "for the purpose of ruining plaintiff's reputation ... did maliciously broadcast false and untrue matters"—in substance, "that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had arrested certain parties who were engaged in the selling of arms and ammunition" which were "unlawfully and feloniously acquired by the John Birch Society."

THE JOHN Birch Society, a corporation, is named plaintiff in one suit. The second lists Robert Welch and Laurence E. Bunker, both of Massachusetts, and MacDonald Hays of Texas as plaintiffs.

The three men were identified as officers "guiding and controlling policies" of the Birch Society.

The suit listing the corporation as plaintiff seeks \$1,000,000 punitive damages and \$1,000,000 compensatory damages.

The second suit asks compensatory damages of \$1,000,000 each for Welch, Bunker and Hays and an additional \$1,000,000 punitive damages for each of the three plaintiffs.

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Bircher Recalls Aid By Barry

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NEW YORK — An official of the John Birch Society Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater was a member of a committee set up within the society.

John Roussetot, public relations director of the society, said the society's founder, Robert Welch, recruited Goldwater for the committee.

An interview with Roussetot was presented by the Columbia Broadcasting System on radio and television, along with one with Sen. Goldwater on the same subject.

The committee, an ad hoc group, was identified as the "committee against summit entanglements."

Goldwater joined it five years ago, according to Roussetot. It was described in "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society" as "our one large national front to date—and by far our most successful effort in this category."

ACCORDING TO the Blue Book, the committee was formed in 1959 to protest against Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Roussetot, a former Republican congressman from California, was asked whether Goldwater had been active "in other fronts" of the Birch Society.

"Gee, not that I recall," Roussetot said.

Roussetot added:

"I don't recall any other fronts or ad hoc committees which Sen. Goldwater has participated in conjunction with the John Birch Society. I know that he supports many of the same issues that we do. Not all. He's made it clear where he differs and he does differ."

~~ASKED WHETHER~~ Goldwater knew it was a John Birch Society organization. Roussetot said:

"He knew that it was a thing that the John Birch Society was working on, because Robert Welch called him personally in the cloakroom of the Senate and they discussed it."

But Goldwater said he hasn't talked to Welch in years and does not recall speaking to Welch in the Senate cloakroom about use of his name.

"I merely said, yes, I'd put my name on the group. They were friends of mine," Goldwater said.

Goldwater said he believed it was William Buckley, editor of the National Review Magazine and a columnist, who had got him to join the committee.

Asked whether he still would oppose a summit meeting, Goldwater said:

"I wouldn't be opposed to it today if we first contacted our NATO allies, and had a meeting with them. And then if they were unanimous that a meeting might be productive at the so-called summit, fine. But without their approval and their knowledge, I think we'd be making a mistake going directly to Khrushchev."

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Birch Society Picks Glenview For Region Hq.

The John Birch Society, an organization that stretched the social fabric of Glenview in 1961, has picked the suburb as its Midwest home.

A regional office of the extremely anti-Communist group will open at 1410 Waukegan on or about Dec. 1.

Announcement of the society's plans prompted at least one public figure in Glenview to express concern that old Birch wounds would be reopened.

Mrs. Norma Morrison, a member of the Glenview Village Board, said she didn't question the right of the Birch Society to locate its regional headquarters where it chose, but:

"I'm concerned that this will have an adverse effect on the community. I'm sure there will be a new choosing up of sides."

Mrs. Morrison's concern was based on the social climate that prevailed in Glenview in 1961, shortly after the Birch Society recruited a number of members in the suburb.

1961 Series

The Sun-Times, in a widely hailed series on the Birch Society, reported this situation in Glenview on April 2, 1961:

"Neighbors spy on neighbors, lifetime friends avoid each other and men and women speak guardedly in the fear of being branded either Reds or Fascists."

"The Red hunters have set church against church and split the congregations of individual churches. Americanism has become a prime issue in the village election. Communist fighters are distributing U.S. flag decals, and no prudent candidate for village office in Glenview can afford to be without visible proof of loyalty on his auto windshield."

Society's Denial

But Roger Morrison, regional public relations director for the Birch Society, denied the organization had caused community tensions or would do so in the future.

"We've had no problems in the past," he said. "If we find that the local communications media handle our story honestly, we expect no problem at all."

Morrison, who is not related to Glenview Village Board member Morrison, said the Birch Society has no secrets

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and does not dispense hate literature, as is sometimes charged.

Asked how many members the society has nationally or in the Glenview area, he replied, in effect, that such figures are secret.

Warren Packet

Asked about the "Warren impeachment packet" that is available for \$1 at the society's book store in Glenview, Morrison asserted that it cannot be construed as hate literature.

For years, the society has sought impeachment of Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, on the ground that he is "the greatest single offender in breaking down our Constitution" and in handing communism its greatest successes in America.

Impeaching a U.S. public official involves charging him before the Senate with misbehavior in office.

Other major goals of the society include getting the

United States out of the United Nations and "correcting" the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The society regards the Civil Rights Act as an illegal extension of federal police power.

Near Book Store

The new Midwest regional offices of the society will be two doors away from the Birch book store, American Opinion Library. For some years the society has operated the store in Glenview as well as one at 1008 North Blvd., Oak Park.

Morrison said the Glenview regional office would be headquarters for Robert J. Koenig, major Birch co-ordinator for the six-state Midwest area, and Norman L. Thomas, co-ordinator for Illinois.

The office also may be the Midwest home of the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, another arm of the Birch Society, he said.

In summary, the Glenview office will be a center for "re-

cruitment, administration and information," according to Morrison.

Glenview was chosen because of its central location in the Midwest and because of its proximity to the Chicago "communications industry," Morrison added.

A staff of four is planned for the office, but it "could mushroom into 20" if Birch membership keeps growing at its present pace, Morrison said.

Morrison declined to say how many members are being recruited monthly, but he said recruitment has been going on at an accelerated rate since last summer.

Manager Silent

Glenview Village Manager Robert A. van Dusen responded with a flat "no comment"

when asked about the new Birch facility.

But Mrs. Morrison said there would be concern if the Communist Party located its headquarters in Glenview — and said there should be concern about the Birch Society, too.

Birchers to Open Chicago Office

The John Birch Society will open its first information office in the city of Chicago in the Bogan High School area member of the or Friday.

an area on the Side has been the much white backlash active in connection with the controversy over school segregation.

David Sheehan, of 4344 W. 78th St., a member of the Birch society, said the office, a kind of library and recruiting center would be opened within three or four weeks.

He said members are currently negotiating for space in a store-front building.

He said it would be staffed by volunteers and not paid officers of the society.

ONLY LAST week it was announced that the society was opening its first official Midwest headquarters under the direction of a paid director in Glenview.

Sheehan said the organization already has information offices in Oak Park and Glenview but that the Bogan area office would be the first in Chicago.

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'American Opinion' offers novel propaganda

by Bob Rosengard

On the eve of the public defeat of extreme conservatism, the John Birch Society, a private conservative organization, announced that it will soon open "its first Midwest regional office about Dec. 1 in suburban Glenview."

In a story in the Nov. 2 Chicago Daily News, Roger Morrison, regional public relations director of the society, is quoted as saying that whether or not the society becomes controversial in Glenview would depend upon whether it was "fairly covered in the press."

However much the Society may previously have suffered through distortion by the press, in the public mind the society is associated with anti-foreign aid, anti-civil rights, anti-Earl Warren, and numerous other anti-liberal ideas.

The most striking public image of the Birch Society is that of Robert Welch, its founder and president, calling former President Eisenhower a conscientious agent of the Communist conspiracy.

In addition to heading the John Birch Society, Robert Welch edits and publishes a magazine called "American Opinion," which in the March, 1964 issue he says contains, "the work of several of the best informed and most brilliant writers in the whole realm of American conservative thought."

One may reasonably expect that Welch is talking about the brand of conservatism characteristic of John Birch Society thinking and that reading American opinion will acquaint one with their thinking, free of "distortion by the press."

"American Opinion," however, is hard to come by. Distribution in the Chicago area is low. But copies may always be obtained at the American Opinion Bookstore Inc., in Oak Park, Ill. The lady volunteers who staff the bookstore, library, and reading room will happily welcome you, liberal or not, and give you the freedom to browse.

As you browse you notice the little things first, such as envelope stickers carrying the mottoes "Communism Killed Kennedy," "This Is a Republic," and "This US Supreme Court — Which Side Is It On?" There are bumper stickers also. One reads "Help! Get Us Out of the UN!" Another reads "Support Your Local Police" (by keeping violence off the streets, no doubt).

Another novel device for propagating ideas is the rubber stamp. Some of the ideas which one may propagate with rubber stamps, ordered through the American Opinion Bookstore, are "Victory Over Communism," "End Foreign ~~Imperialism~~," "Impeach Earl Warren," "Let's Liberate the Russians," and

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"Wishing You An Early Merry Christmas Before the Supreme Court Outlaws It, Too."

Patriotism for children

For children there are patriotic coloring books and "The Master Builder Kit of the White House," made by — of all people — the Marx Toy Company (no relation, I'm sure).

The store contains a liberal selection of books dealing with right-wing themes, such as anti-communism and all the other anti's previously mentioned. But the star attraction is "American Opinion" itself, one dollar per issue, several of which are available.

The magazine carries on its front cover a portrait of the monthly "Great American." Recent "greats" have been Generals MacArthur and Patton, Senator Strom Thurmond, and "Honorable Martin Dies," founder of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Dies is a regular contributor to the magazine. His two themes are that the communists are taking over the US, and that even if they weren't the US is becoming communized in its own way through the accumulation of power by the Federal Government. (See "Invasion: Moscow's Secret Army in America" in the November, 1964 "American Opinion.")

In "Assassination and Its Aftermath" (March, 1964), Dies supports the communist conspiracy theory on Kennedy's assassination. "Oswald," says Dies, "was acting in accordance with the carefully considered plans of the most successful conspirators the world has ever seen."

Novelist Taylor Caldwell is concerned not so much with communists as with "liberals." Her frequent contributions to "American Opinion" constitute a running invective against what she interprets as "liberal" ideas. Here is a sample of her ad abstract hominum writing, describing a typical "liberal" social worker (from the March, 1964 "American Opinion"):

"They are particularly solicitors of 'unwed mothers.' Here is the outlaw they themselves can never

hope to be, the defiler of custom and prudence and morality. They call the unwed female 'an unfortunate,' but they know this is a lie. The unwed female is, to them, a primitive; and as they are bloodless and effete themselves, they secretly love the primitive blood, the ability to carouse passionately. They want to know all the sordid details. (I know; I've heard them describe such things in delicious accounts.) They want to identify their lustless bodies with lust, and they gaze hungrily into the eyes of the 'unfortunate.'

If the wench can bring in a whisper of "rape," then they are truly beside themselves, and press for more and more details."

Less skillful writers than Miss Caldwell must have actual facts to distort. Here from the November issue of American Opinion are some samples of Mr. Medford Evans' comments on the Mississippi project.

Soviet split

Within (the various groups which COFO coordinates) there is a real or simulated split, Evans said, remarkably like that which we are told exists between Soviet Russia and Red China. The NAA-CP represent the moderate, Kruschchevian approach, SNCC the more aggressive Marxist approach.

The superficial absurdity, he said, of (the Freedom Democratic Organization) blinded many observers to the fact that it was an exercise in the . . . Communist "counter community" technique.

Evans wonders whether Goodman, Chaney, and Schweiner were murdered by anti-civil rights people or by "agents provocateurs," and questions whether the corpses could have been positively identified. He sums up COFO operations, "as carrying out as best they can what the official communist press has described as comrade Maos idea of devoting the main effort for a long time to creating rural base areas, so the cities could be encircled with the forces of the countryside."

Communist takeover

According to the "1964 Scoreboard Issue" (July-August) of American Opinion a good deal of the communist takeover has been

accomplished. According to the scoreboard, a map which shows by variations of red color "the degree of control over (a nation's) whole political life exercised, secretly or openly, by the international Communist conspiracy, the only area in the world completely free of communist control, with the exception of the Polar areas, which are not on the map, is Western Samoa."

There is much more to American Opinion magazine than I can take account of in this brief space. There are the monthly columns on economics by Hans Sennholz, (he is against "the tariff and other trade restriction,") on books by Revilo P. Oliver (he is for Edmund Wilson for opposing the income tax, but against Edmund Wilson for being "naive enough to believe that Lenin meant what he said,") on the arts, by Jack Moffit (he liked "A Hard Day's Night") and other features. Anyone who wants to find out more

about American Opinion magazine, and about the John Birch Society in general can do so by visiting the American Opinion Bookstore, 1008 North Boulevard, in Oak Park. It will be a pleasant, as well as an enlightening visit, since the ladies who staff the store are gracious in every way that the writers who staff American Opinion are not. From the Pick Congress parking lot, by way of the Eisenhower Expressway, it is a twenty-minute drive. You can probably make the trip in ten minutes, though, if you believe that extremism in the pursuit of literature is no vice.

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The reporting officer was assigned in an undercover capacity to attend a John Golden Presentation entitled, "A Battle of Ideas - My Concept of Freedom" featuring [redacted]

against [redacted]

[redacted] held Friday, 25 September 1964, 2030 hours, Orchestra Hall, 216 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

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* An asterisk indicates record on file with Intelligence Division.

Subject Debate was officially opened at 2050 hours with the singing of our National Anthem and the introduction of the guest speakers, [redacted] and [redacted]. At this time the meeting hall was filled to capacity of approximately two thousand (2,000) persons in attendance. Of this total about five per cent were noted to be Colored.

The Moderator (phonetically introduced as a [redacted]), stated that this event was one of the most important debates of our time and slated to dwell on - - Is Extremism in the Defense of Liberty a Vice or Virtue? - - Who are America's True Patriots? - - More Government or Less? - - Who can best defend American Freedoms, Lyndon Johnson or Barry Goldwater?

Each speaker was allotted twenty minutes to present their views and thirty minutes during the rebuttal period. A Question and Answer period was also scheduled to take place after the debate. [redacted] was chosen to speak for the first twenty minutes.

In the main, [redacted] talk dwelled on less government and the return to rugged individualism that was pronounced in our early American way of life. The speaker went on to attack the present Federal Administration on its foreign policy and noted examples of economic waste in its lend-lease programs - especially to countries that are alleged to be anti-American. [redacted] further stated that freedom can only be achieved and maintained through economic and military strength. The capitalistic system for profit is the key to progress, a higher standard of living, and social freedom. Without this system for profit that lends inspiration and the drive for a better way of life, our American way of life as we enjoy it today, will be destroyed. A welfare state as advocated by the pseudo-liberals in the present administration will lead into Socialism and the destruction of our civilization.

[] AGAINST [] (continued)

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The final participant to address the audience was [] His entire talk was contrary to that of his opponent - in the main, it dwelled on Socialism as the only system that will benefit mankind. [] spoke out against conscription stating that the buildup of a military force and the stockpiling of atomic weapons is not in the interest of humanity and peace. Disarmament and the production of non-war materials to meet the demands of the working class is the answer for a better society and freedom.

During the rebuttal period, an incident arose that involved the mal-function of the public address system. For a period of about five minutes, the microphone servicing [] speaker stand was out of working order. As a gesture of good sportsmanship, [] went over to the side of [] to proceed with the rebuttal.

During the question and answer period a series of questions were pointed up to both speakers regarding their respective views of the coming November Elections and the presidential candidates.

This affair came to an orderly conclusion at approximately 2330 hours.

Observations made during this meeting are the following:

Two literature stands were set up in the foyer to the hall - The one, displayed right-wing literature emanating from the John Birch Society and the other, displayed Socialist Party literature. Individuals tending these stands were un-identified.

[] (Anti-Communist) was observed in front of the hall entrance, selling anti-Communist literature. An un-identified female known to be associated with the Socialist Workers Party was observed selling their publication, "The Militant".

[] was observed purchasing literature from the Birch Society stand.

The following literature was distributed at this affair:

Leaflet: "A Lecture By [] 'What Is Humanist Socialism?' to be held at Mandel Hall, 57th and University, Monday, 5 Oct. 64, 2000 hours. Auspices of U. of C. YPSI and Socialist Party.

Booklet: "What's Wrong with the Birch Society?" issued by same.

Booklet: "Vote for a Socialist World - A Life of Freedom Peace and Plenty for all" - 1964 Platform of the Socialist Labor Party - issued by same.

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ON THE SOCIETY . . . Some police departments around the country are suspending officers who have joined the John Birch society. Said James Conlisk, acting superintendent of police in Chicago, "For the present time, we have the Birch society under study. We have no precedent concerning it."

Said Frank Carey, head of the patrolmen's association, "I don't think being a member of the John Birch society is reason enough to suspend an officer if he's fully carrying out his duties as a police officer."

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24 Nov. 1964 Lead off

Reporting officers conducted an investigation of SUBJECT when it was learned that a demonstration was to take place at THEIR headquarters on the date scheduled for the grand opening.

An * Asterisk indicates record on file with the Intelligence Division.

At a meeting held on Sunday, 22 November 1964, at the Midland Hotel, sponsored by the * Morning Freiheit (Jewish language Communist publication), an announcement was made by the Chairman to the effect that a mass picket demonstration would take place on the date of the opening of the new offices of the * JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Glenview, Illinois. It was stated that this demonstration would be sponsored by members of the Jewish War Veterans of Illinois. The Chairman requested that those present, and their friends participate with the Jewish War Veterans in this activity. To obtain more authentic information relative to this statement, contacts of the reporting officers were interviewed and the following facts were obtained;

[redacted], NA 5-6699, past commander JWV, stated, "a short time ago our organization decided to distribute brochures in the northern suburbs, including Glenview, Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove, and others to inform the people of these communities of the nature of the * JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The brochure read in part, "Enemies to the Right and Enemies to the Left". "The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is on record as saying, Dwight Eisenhower was a Communist, Earl Warren was a Communist and other members of the Supreme Court are Communists. The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is an enemy of the American People".

[redacted] continued, "We were hoping that we could get one thousand (1000) members of the Jewish War Veterans to aid in the distribution of these brochures. We did not intend to distribute these at the headquarters, but rather to the people of the suburbs at shopping centers, busy street corners, or any other public location. We did not notify any outside organizations of our intentions. I had no idea how those Communist bastards secured information on our plans. Since we do not want to be labeled Communists by association, I believe we will cancel our activity in Glenview".

[redacted] Glenview Police department stated that the * JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has an office at 1410 Waukegan Road, Glenview, and they also maintain the American Opinion library in this same building. Three girls work full time daily in this office. No grand opening has been planned as reported at the * Freiheit meeting. Reporting officers will be notified by [redacted] if any additional information is reported to the Glenview Police.

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[redacted]
Illinois, was interviewed on November 5, 1964, and furnished the following information:

He knows [redacted] and has been given permission by [redacted] to store items in the home owned by [redacted] located on [redacted] Illinois.

[redacted] advised he does not know who owns the gun and explosives located in the cellar of [redacted] home. He did say it was quite probable the items did not belong to [redacted]. He was of the opinion an individual could not purchase C3 explosive. He remarked that he was quite certain the items were not stolen but he did not care to elaborate why he thought they were not stolen.

He said he is not a member of any extremist organization. After his recent arrest in Park Ridge, he did contact the John Birch Society and the Minutemen to inquire about the hiring of a lawyer who would defend him in court because he felt he was being harassed by law enforcement agencies.

[redacted] finally said he did not care to discuss the guns and explosives and could not and would not furnish any information pertaining to them.

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[redacted] Aka
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 10/14/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a
letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted] Aka [redacted]
[redacted] containing the interview with [redacted] which took
place on 11/5/64.

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For the information of the Richmond Office, in
connection with the visit of the President to Chicago on
10/7-8/64, agents of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit in
Chicago were assigned to a surveillance of [redacted] who
resides at [redacted] and is [redacted]

On 9/30/64 [redacted]
Illinois, who rents from [redacted] who is presently residing
at [redacted]
Virginia, telephone [redacted] advised that while examining
some material in his basement he found an olive drab container
marked "High Explosives". This bag contained six 2½ pounds
of plastic explosives used by the armed forces. Also found
at the time were two Browning Machine Guns, caliber .30 M2
and one Sten Mark II Machine Gun.

It is to be noted that the machine guns have been
checked through the National Stolen Property File and
there is no record in this file concerning the above mentioned
weapons. The explosives were taken by the 543rd Ordnance
Detachment, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, and placed in a bunker
at Ft. Sheridan. [redacted] advised that the explosives and
the guns are not his but he did state that an individual
named [redacted] (LNU) had permission to use part of the basement
for storage purposes. [redacted] later identified [redacted] as being
identical with [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed on 11/5/64 and admitted that he had permission to store items in [redacted] house at [redacted] Illinois, but he did not admit that the items found by [redacted] were owned by him.

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It is requested that the Bureau distribute the letterhead memorandum to the interested agencies. It is to be noted that both the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit and Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, are receiving two copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. Will interview [redacted]
[redacted] telephone,
[redacted] concerning what permission he gave to [redacted]
to place packages in his cellar and if the explosives and
guns located in the cellar are his or if he knows that they
are [redacted]

Mabley's Report:

Birchites Give Jack Credit for Publicity

BY JACK MABLEY

SOME NEW MEMBERS of the John Birch society have been phoning me. They're very polite, very articulate.

They say they became curious about the society after reading what I wrote about it. They attended a meeting and were so impressed they joined. They wish to thank me.



JACK MABLEY

I guess this is supposed to make me mad or frustrated or something. I'm happy for them. They're better off at a Birch society meeting than sitting home watching the Beverly Hillbillies.

They'll be seeking truth rather than escape. I think they're intelligent enough to discover that truth does not dwell in the charge that President Eisenhower is a Communist.

A local paper in Glenview had a headline this week saying that a unit of the Jewish War Veterans is planning to picket and protest the opening of the Birch midwest regional headquarters in Glenview.

I can't understand this. The Birch society is not anti-semitic nor bigoted in any way, nor has it ever been. It attracts some bigots, but so does any organization.

The J. W. V. is serving the Birch cause by drawing more attention to them. The J. W. V. is on unsound ground because it appears to be intolerant of the rights of another group to express political opinions.

I'd be more impressed if the Jewish War Veterans challenged Birch representatives to a public debate . . . and the Birchites accepted.

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THE LAST PLACE from which I anticipate reaction to any item in the column usually is my own office. Yesterday I had a visit from a colleague and a note from another. The note expresses what both thought.

"In re your nuclear comment. Someone put it this way: China has built a nuclear bomb which can be exploded from a 300-foot platform. This bomb can destroy New York City—if we will let China build a 300-foot platform there and install the bomb on it. Right now they can't deliver a workable bomb—I hope."

The paragraph in question suggested China now is a major nuclear power, because any nation capable of building and delivering a nuclear bomb must be so classified.

The dissent concerns China's ability to DELIVER this weapon to a specified target. I don't think that's much of a problem, even now. A bomb can't be tucked in a suitcase and planted in a railroad station locker, as once was supposed.

But it doesn't necessarily have to arrive in the nose of a rocket or in the belly of a bomber, either. I suggest that any nation seeking to open hostilities would resort to subterfuge. Fairly substantial hydrogen bombs might be planted in warships disguised as tramp freighters, and at X hour [10:30 Tuesday morning is best] be detonated simultaneously in the harbors in New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Seattle, Boston, and the Panama Canal.

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OR BOMBS might be placed in cargo planes which would arrive by subterfuge at key airports and over military installations at X hours. It really doesn't take much imagination nor money to deliver an atomic weapon. We're just too hypnotized by the military concept of the things arriving in a great burst of aerial weaponry.

But means of delivery is incidental. If the Chinese don't have them now, they will in three years, or five. The important matter is that the Chinese now can build the bomb. They now have the power to devastate the planet.

I think the J. W. V. men and the Birchites could produce a lively discussion on how best to accommodate this latest turn in history. I could throw in a few tidbits myself. The Birchites would get rid of the United Nations. I think if we get rid of the United Nations we can forget about ever reaching the 21st century.

Birchers to Double Facilities in Chicago

BY STUART AWBREY

The John Birch Society confirmed Monday that it will soon double its propaganda outlets in the Chicago area.

A member of the right-wing organization said an information office would be opened in south suburban Homewood on January 1.

Another such office is definitely planned for the South or Southwest Side of the city.

The society presently operates similar offices, called American Opinion Libraries, in Oak Park and Glenview, near the society's new Midwest headquarters.

DAVID SHEEHAN, of 4344 W. 78th St., a society member, said the Homewood

office would be formally opened by "some conservative celebrities," but he declined to say who they would be.

Robert J. Koenig, a paid recruiter for the society, said "the growth of the membership down there (in the south suburbs) has been tremendous. Of course, it's been good all over."

Koenig said "at least two or three" additional information offices were being organized by local Birch chapters. These include the Homewood office and a combination library and recruiting center scheduled to open soon in the Bogan High School area.

ACCORDING to Sheehan, volunteers will maintain the

offices, where society literature, published mostly in Belmont, Mass., is sold. Hours for the Homewood office are tentatively scheduled to be from noon to 9 p.m. daily.

Koenig dismissed objections by clergymen to the new society headquarters in Glenview as "sniping."

Eighteen members of the Glenbrook Ministerial Assn. have agreed to draft a statement opposing the society's choice of Glenview for its first official Midwest headquarters.

"This sniping goes on all the time," said Koenig. "I don't have time to follow it all."

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-38198)

DATE: [12/8/64] Q4

FROM : SA [REDACTED] Q4

SUBJECT : RAY HANSBOROUGH BRIGADE
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reliable information in the past.

Activity

Meeting of RAY HANSBOROUGH
Brigade

Date of Activity

11/10/64

Date of Report

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Date Received

11/19/64

Recommendation

None

Location

A [REDACTED]

- 1 - A [REDACTED]
1 - 100-20574 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-18733 [REDACTED]
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1 - 100-34550 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-38186 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-3293 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-39691 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-36671 (John Birch Society)
1 - 100-3466 (NLG)
1 - 100-35162 (AAHA)
1 - 100-13106-2 (HCUA)
1 - 100-18338 (CP of Ill. District - Education)
1 - 100-17977 (CP of Ill. District - Political Activities)
1 - 100-41324 (CP of Ill. District - CIRM)
1 - 100-18953 (CP of Ill. District - Organization)
1 - 100-34438 (CP of Ill. District - Mass Organization)
1 - 100-18209 (CP of Ill. District - Pamphlets & Publications)
1 - 100-19491 (CP of Ill. District - Domestic Administration Issues)
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November 10, 1964

On November 10, 1964, the South Side Section of the Communist Party (CP) held a meeting at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. Among the following persons present were:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] said that the education program for the meeting will be an open discussion on the Presidential Election of 1964.

[REDACTED] said that President JOHNSON is a Southerner and that everyone should remember that he is a great politician and that a politician believes in compromising.

[REDACTED] said that the Birchites have set up offices in Chicago and all over the North and South to create a third political party. [REDACTED] said that the American people who voted for President JOHNSON will have to continue to pressure the President to follow his promises he made to the people of America.

[REDACTED] said that it does make one feel better that the President didn't say much against the Communist Party and that he spoke for peace but that he is a politician and maybe he rather fight than switch to socialism. [REDACTED] said that the President of the United States didn't come right out and say that the United States could live coalition-ship with communism but that he thinks that President JOHNSON is willing to try and that the Party's job is to pressure the President, Congress and Senators into leading the United States to a socialist way of living

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in the United States. [] said that this is a capitalist government and that these people here in America love money and material things too much to see that happen. [] said that the United States might go to war first because that is the only way that they think that they can have prosperity. [] said that don't let President JOHNSON fool you about this peace business. [] said that the women peace movements pressured the President on peace and that she believes he only brought up peace in his campaign to get the women's votes. [] said what about this [] and [] of the City of Chicago when are we going to get rid of them so the people will have some peace in Chicago. [] said that every vote cast for President JOHNSON was a vote in the future for [] and []

[] said that the Party will have to get with the masses in an all out struggle to get rid of [] and [] of the school board. []

said that the National Lawyers Guild will hold their meetings at the African American Heritage Association hall at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that [] of the National Lawyers Guild is setting up a business restaurant where the Party members can eat for less than other people.

[] said that the Party members on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois, won't have to go so far to get a lawyer when they need one. [] said that he thinks that the United States House Un-American Activities Committee will be soon put out of business and maybe they won't need any lawyers.

[] said that the CP of the State of Illinois held a meeting on the north side of Chicago, November 5, 1964 and he asked [] why wasn't she there [] said that she didn't get a notice. Several other people said that they didn't get a notice. [] said that it was [] fault that they were not notified and that he would have to jack up [] about being so slack in his duties. [] said that [] is the number one delegate of the South Side Section of the CP and that [] is not to overlook that.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] was sick in the Veterans Research Hospital, 333 East Huron, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] passed out some leaflets on the Afro American Senior Citizen Clubs and said that [redacted] said that don't be caught passing them on the streets that they are to be given to the people in private.

[redacted] said that [redacted] had received a call from his wife to come home right away because his brother in California had just died and that [redacted] told [redacted] to let the Party members know that he will leave for California right away.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-37762)
FROM : SA [REDACTED] & 4
SUBJECT: CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS (CCDBR)

DATE: [12/8/64] & 4

INFORMANT:

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the past
Board of Directors meeting of
CCDBR on 11/11/64.

ACTIVITY:

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 11/11/64.
DATE OF REPORT: 11/15/64
DATE RECEIVED: 11/23/64
RECOMMENDATION: None.

LOCATION:

A [REDACTED]

- 3 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
1 - 100- (Abolition News)
1 - 100- (NCAH/AC)
1 - 100-18432 [REDACTED]
1 - Louisville (REGISTERED)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - New York (REGISTERED)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
1 - 100-51200 (W.E.B. DuBois Club)
42 - Chicago
1 - A [REDACTED]
1 - 100-17977 (CP of ILLINOIS - POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES)
1 - 100-28823 (RAC)
1 - 100-18202 (CP OF ILLINOIS - PAMPHLETS
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1 - 100-18699 (CP of ILLINOIS - RELIGION)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)

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November 15, 1964

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1964, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was held at 431 So. Dearborn, Rm. 424, 7:30 p.m. The following persons were present:

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indicated the following as new address(es) - [redacted] - [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted]

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Device Type	Percentage of Respondents
Smartphone	100%
Tablet	95%
Feature Phone	85%
Smartwatch	75%

[redacted] indicated that the Chicago distribution of "Goldwater, HUAC and the Ultra-Right -- A Fact Sheet on Civil Liberties," printed for use during the 1964 presidential campaign by the CCGBR, was, in part, as follows:

- 2,000 or 3,000 - Chicago Church Federation;
1,000 - North Side Kerner for Governor Organization
1,000 - Cleveland)
1,000 - Madison) -To the anti-HUAC
300 - Washington, D.C.) committees existing in
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[redacted] report, in toto, is identical to the latest issue of "Abolition News," expected to be postmarked from Los Angeles, November 14. It lists those Congressmen elected or defeated who have taken strong pro or anti positions concerning the House Committee (the whole point is to prove that a strong anti-HUAC position is not politically dangerous), it pinpoints from which Congressmen a lead against the mandate may initiate, and it indicates the main activities of the National Committee to Abolish HUAC for the coming seven weeks. Among these are: (1) Continued circulation of the Meiklejohn-Emerson "Petition to the House of Representatives" among prominent law community members for endorsement. The petition will be released to the House and the press late November or early December. It is hoped that the petition will attract the support and signatures of many community leaders both prior to and after its release. (2) Circulation of a petition initiated by sixteen national religious leaders, including [redacted] and [redacted] urging ministers to preach against HUAC on Bill of Rights Sunday. According to [redacted] of this effort. (3) Circulation of a petition signed by 100 COFO volunteers to other such volunteers for their signatures. The statement relates HUAC's role in the voter registration struggle. It will be released in December to the press and to college newspapers at campuses attended by COFO volunteers.

In his report, [redacted] announced that [redacted] who now works full-time for the National Committee, spoke with the national leadership of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, urging them to actively support the abolition movement. DuBois indicated that the Clubs would conduct a petition campaign of their own. [redacted] also stated that the [redacted] pamphlet, "House Un-American Activities Committee: Bulwark of Segregation," has reached the 127,000 printing and distribution mark, that it was largely responsible for the warm response of COFO volunteers to the petition mentioned above, and that it has had a significant influence among civil rights activists in the North, and, particularly, the South.

The remainder of the evening was given to a discussion of Chicago plans for activity for the period

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before the convening of the 89th Congress. These plans are contained in "CCDBR" Memorandum to Board of Directors, November 11, 1964: The Outlook for the Abolition of HUAC in the 89th Congress." [redacted] agreed to coordinate efforts in the 1st Congressional District, [redacted] agreed to coordinate efforts in the 2nd CD, and [redacted] will serve similarly in the 13th CD. Efforts are being made to produce through [redacted] in the 9th CD, a community petition independent of CCDBR sponsorship.

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The CCDBR will print a fact sheet, similar to the Civil Liberties Fact Sheet mentioned above, on HUAC, and the John Birch Society. It will be released late February or early March.

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Better To Light One Candle

The Glenbrook Ministerial Assn., representing a group of 22 Protestant churches in Northbrook and Glenview, has objected to the John Birch Society choosing Glenview for the society's Midwestern headquarters. Rev. Calvin W. Robinson, president of the association, said that the presence of the Birchers was not in the "interest of our community or nation."

We agree with the Rev. Mr. Robinson when he says the positions taken by the Birch Society are irrational and dangerous.

But we cannot agree with the Rev. Mr. Robinson's objections to the Birch Society locating a headquarters in Glenview.

Obviously the ministers want the Birch Society to go somewhere else. That would be a tacit advocacy of segregation. The society has a right to locate a headquarters anywhere it wishes.

It would be far better for the ministers to meet this challenge by doing some missionary work in their own areas. They should welcome the chance to work directly against what they consider to be un-American and un-Christian views.

We commend to the Rev. Mr. Robinson and his pastorate the motto of the Christopher Movement: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-38043)

DATE: [12/15/67] 4

FROM : SA [redacted] 4

SUBJECT: EVANSTON COMMUNIST PARTY CLUB
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Informant:

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past

Activity:

Re Evanston CP Club Meeting

Date of Activity:

11/18/64

Date of report:

11/30/64

Date Received:

12/1/64

Recommendation:

Location:

A) [redacted]

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 - 1 - 100-2892 [redacted]
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 - 1 - 61-867 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-36306 [redacted]
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11/30/64

The Evanston Communist Club held a membership meeting November 18, 1964 at 933 Ashland, Evanston.

Those present were:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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The recent presidential election was discussed. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gave a report on [REDACTED] report on the elections.

Mention was made of the John Birch Society's moving their mid-western headquarters to Glenview. [REDACTED] urged the reading of Goldwaterism by MIKE NEWBERRY.

[REDACTED] is to call [REDACTED] and tell her about the coordinated peace groups in Chicago area. [REDACTED] is also to call [REDACTED] to arrange to speak to his group on mobilization. [REDACTED] was also chosen to attend the national Worker conference.

[REDACTED] was asked to rewrite for the Worker of the material handed in in the Chicago area.

✓ A discussion concerning the Ultra-Right and the threat of the John Birch Society moving to Glenview was led by [REDACTED]

The next regular meeting will be Dec. 2. Chapter 19 in the Fundamental of Marxism and Leninism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-26973*)

DATE: [12/18/64] 4

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 4

SUBJECT: EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

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ON 3-4-4

INFORMANT:

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the
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ACTIVITY:

Re Emma Lazarus Federation.

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Nov. 21, 1964

The annual luncheon of the Chicago Council of Emma Lazarus Clubs, was held Saturday, November 21, 1964, at 12:30 p.m. at the Furniture Club, 666 No. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill.

There were about 150 women present and all the individual clubs were well represented.

The principal speaker was [redacted] of New York, the Executive Secretary of the Emma Lazarus Federation. She also installed the new officers who had been elected to the Chicago Council last summer. [redacted] spoke of the good work this group of women have been doing all over the country, particularly congratulating Chicago in their assistance in obtaining so many petitions for the request that the United States ratify the Genocide Convention. She said Mr. ADLAI STEVENSON seemed very impressed when he saw how many people had signed these petitions which were delivered to him by the Eastern delegation. [redacted] also said she was very proud of the children of some of the members who had gone down to Mississippi to help train the illiterate Negroes to write and vote in the recent elections; and who are continuing to help the people down there.

[redacted] quoted the New York newspapers regarding their recent reprimand to J. EDGAR HOOVER relating to his calling Rev. KING a "liar" and other vile names; and their saying he had no doubt outlived his usefulness and ought to retire.

She said now that the elections were over, people should not relax completely and overlook the vicious groups who are building up such as the "Minute Men" who had stated that this was the last free election -- that the time for ballots was over and the next time would be with bullets; that all the Rightists such as the Birchers, etc., would be using the sales talk to win followers, that 27,000,000 people who had voted for GOLDWATER was an indication that with such a backing, the build up for the next election could be tremendous -- and certain people

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would think that all these millions all thought the way the vicious groups think.

After the installations of officers came the musical program. [redacted] of Philadelphia sang a group of folk songs in several languages.

A drawing followed of the raffles that had been sold. The winner received an electric toaster-oven.

It was announced that in connection with membership, a new group had recently been formed as an offshoot of the Rogers Park Club -- for afternoon meeting instead of evening, as do all the other groups -- with an initial membership of about 7 -- all of whom were present at the luncheon.

[redacted] was present and said a few words.

The group adjourned about 4:30 p.m.

Among those present were [redacted]
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December 4, 1964

On December 1, 1964, a meeting of the Niles Human Relations Council was held at St. Peters Church in Skokie. Some of those in attendance were:

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This meeting was called to distribute petition like literature. One is supposed to ask their neighbors to contribute \$1.00 so they might have their name appear on the local paper in an advertisement welcoming people of all color, race and creed into this area. [REDACTED] of the American Friends Service Committee, [REDACTED] of the Wilmette Human Relations Council and [REDACTED] of Glenview, all spoke on the advantages of an ad such as this because they have had experienced success in their own communities with it.

There was a handful of people new to the group, that were asking negative type questions to the speakers and not in accord with the group. Some of the people felt as though they were "plants by the Buichers."

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McCoy Questions Randall's Stand

NORTHFIELD—I cannot understand Clarence B. Randall's motive in joining the Committee of 80 to "expose and correct" the so-called 12 John Birch Society "front organizations," as reported in your issue of Oct. 1.

Although the image of the John Birch Society frequently is distorted, I always have understood that it is a nonpolitical organization whose sole objective is the defeat of Communism, for the benefit of all Americans.

The violence of the attacks against it by the Communists and their official publication, the Worker, proves they are accomplishing their purpose. It also accounts for the smear by which the Communists hope to divert us from the main objective—that of fighting Communism.

Most criticism of the John Birch Society is false. The Communist menace is so insidious that anyone who takes an indifferent, passive, or do-nothing attitude actually helps the Communist cause.

I do not recall that President Eisenhower took a particularly firm stand against the Communists, which could account for the John Birch Society statements, to which Mr. Randall referred. Inaction certainly justifies the saying that "the only thing necessary for evil to prevail, is for good men to do nothing."

The Communists always enjoy quoting actions they approve of well-known businessmen. It would not be surprising, therefore, to see the Worker applaud the Committee of 80 for "exposing" the John Birch Society.

Albert B. McCoy
345 Dickens road

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LETTERS TO THE PUBLIC FORUM**Readers Comment on Birch Society,
Election, Civil Rights, Post Article****Randall Asks
Repudiation of
Welch's Charge**

WINNETKA—I have read the letter by Norman L. Thomas in your Oct. 8 issue inviting me to attend a chapter meeting of the John Birch Society.

Mr. Thomas obviously is a fair-minded man, and this was an act of good citizenship on his part.

But here is the point. He does not deny that Robert Welch, president of the John Birch Society, has called President Eisenhower a Communist, but says the Birch Society has not made such a statement.

The trouble is that, rightly or wrongly, the present public image of the John Birch Society is that its views and those of Robert Welch, its president, are identical. Mr. Welch himself has said that the society is authoritarian.

If the responsible members of the John Birch Society do not accept the statement of their president that President Eisenhower is a Communist, I call on them to stand up and be counted.

I ask Mr. Thomas to submit to you for publication a resolution passed by his unit of the society in which they expressly repudiate this charge by Robert Welch.

Clarence B. Randall
700 Blackthorn road



Clarence B. Randall

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Randall Invited To Birch Meeting

NORTHBROOK—Your article concerning Clarence B. Randall's joining a unit to expose Birch "fronts" is interesting in that it exposes a basic lack of knowledge on Mr. Randall's part of the John Birch Society.

You quote him as saying, "The John Birch Society has maintained for years that Dwight Eisenhower was taking part in the Communist conspiracy—and I can't take that kind of talk." The John Birch Society has never made a statement or taken a stand on Mr. Eisenhower's activities or public record.

Through your paper, let me issue an invitation to Mr. Randall. If he will contact me, I will be more than happy to invite him to a presentation of the society or arrange for him to attend a chapter meeting. I would also suggest that he secure some of our literature from either the American Opinion Library, 1410 Waukegan road, Glenview, or by writing the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass. By learning something about the society, he will be saved the embarrassment of having to be corrected on errors of fact publicly.

Not incidentally, I would be more than happy to have any of your readers attend a presentation of the society or a chapter meeting. This may be arranged by writing to me at the address below.

Norman L. Thomas, Co-ordinator
The John Birch Society, Inc.
1933 Big Oak Lane

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Birch Society Criticized by Members Of Glenbrook Ministerial Association

By Chuck Loebbaka

The John Birch Society was criticized publicly last week by three members of the Glenbrook Ministerial Association, which is expected to take a formal stand against the society next month.

While the society has a right to open offices in Glenview, it will only create dissension in the community, the three pastors said. They are the Rev. Calvin Robinson, First Methodist Church; Dr. Kenneth Nye, Glenview Community Church; and the Rev. Gordon Dyck, St. David's Episcopal Church.

Will Open Headquarters

The society announced last month that it would open Midwest headquarters in Glenview.

Ministerial association members agreed to make individual statements against the society to their congregations. They then would use the comments in preparing a unified statement at their regular January meeting.

The association consists of ministers of 22 Protestant churches in Glenview and Northbrook and a few retired clergymen.

"Can Alienate Neighbors

Dr. Nye said the society, founded by Boston candy manufacturer Robert Welch, "can alienate neighbors and unnecessarily create tensions among us."

He said he was told that the society preceded his arrival in Glenview in 1961 with a "warning" that the minister was "involved in the National Council of Churches, was therefore a Communist, and should

be watched carefully."

Dr. Nye said, "This gave me personal experience in a most reprehensible and un-American technique of the John Birch Society. It is in using wild, unsubstantiated charges which imply guilt until innocence is proved. Some John Birchers automatically apply this technique to anyone who doesn't agree with them."

In the church bulletin, the pastor said the society has the potential to split the community and divide the church.

The minister said the society had developed an extremism of simplicity attractive to some people. "Perhaps my greatest concern is that the society would substitute the extremism of political ideology for the extremism of love."

Rev. Robinson Comments

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, association president, said, "We don't like having our community identified with the society and are concerned about our reputation."

Describing himself as an arch foe of extremism in any form, the pastor said the society does not serve the best interests of the community or nation. The organization has "irrational and dangerous views" and "sows suspicion and dissension," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson said, "It's

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too easy to blame all our misfortunes and mistakes on some conspiracy. Communism is our primary menace, but not the only one." The Birch Society is considered a staunch anti-Communist organization.

"Unless there is a great change, I, as minister, feel that the society is entitled to get no aid or support from us," the Rev. Mr. Robinson said. He recommended that his congregation read two books, "The Strange Tactics of Extremism" and "Danger on the Right."

Preached Against Society

The Rev. Mr. Lyall said there has been a demand for reprints of his Nov. 29 sermon against the society. The reprints will be available to the public.

He included the Birch group as one of society's ills, which include crime, poverty, corruption, and communism.

"Communism is too deadly to be dealt with by a society whose leader speaks against reputable and respectable citizens like President Eisenhower," the Rev. Mr. Lyall said. "The society bears false witness against church commandments and faith and is dangerous to our way of life."

The pastor also said the society uses secrecy and false accusations—the techniques and methods of the enemy. The group also uses words interchangeably, such as equating liberalism with communism and conservatism with fascism, he added.

The other association members who are expected to speak out against the John Birch Society

in the near future are: Countryside Covenant Church of Glenview, the Rev. Raymond A. Johnson; Evangelical Free Church of Glenview, the Rev. Robert Gustafson; First Baptist Church of Glenview, the Rev. Carl B. Camp; and Grace Lutheran Church of Northbrook, the Rev. Richard J. Gotsch.

Also Opposed

Also, the Presbyterian Church of Glenview, the Rev. Donald C. Kuntz; Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Northbrook, the Rev. Frank L. Kirchner; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Glenview, the Rev. Harry V. Victorson and the Rev. Warren Thummel; Covenant Church of Northbrook, the Rev. Harold F. Swanson; Northbrook Methodist Church, the Rev. Howard C. Benson; North Northfield Community Church, the Rev. Kenneth V. Mull; North Suburban Baptist Church of Northbrook, the Rev. Donald E. Thurston; St. Peter United Church of Christ, the Rev. Harold J. Barth.

List Others

Others are the Village Church of Northbrook, Dr. Harry P. Lundell, the Rev. Roy N. Johnson, and the Rev. Jack M. Bowers; Westminster United Presbyterian Church of Northbrook, Dr. Wilbur Closterhouse; St. Giles' Episcopal Church of Northbrook, the Rev. Edwin H. Badger; and SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church of Glenview, the Rev. Dennis G. Latto.

Individual members are Owen Hardage, Protestant chaplain at the Glenview Naval Air Station; the Rev. Garfield Dawe, retired Methodist minister; and the Rev. Martin Gustafson, retired Lutheran minister.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-16219*)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
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DATE: 12/30/64

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Chicago, Illinois
November 24, 1964

It was learned that on November 24, 1964, [redacted] and [redacted] were in the Chicago office of the "Morning Freiheit" (MF), 3507 West Lawrence Avenue.

It was learned that [redacted] was home ill. At lunch time, [redacted] at the direction of [redacted] went to [redacted] residence and found there [redacted] with [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] held a discussion the precise details of which were not entirely clear. [redacted] referred to the fact that [redacted] would be in Chicago in the near future and would speak at a meeting on Tuesday night--referring apparently to December 1, 1964. [redacted] further mentioned that a commission meeting would be held that evening, November 24, 1964. At this meeting a booklet written by [redacted] was to be discussed. [redacted] did not want [redacted] at the meeting on Tuesday night as he is fearful [redacted] will discuss the booklet by [redacted]. He indicated that there was disagreement about this booklet, and he did not want [redacted] pointing out this fact.

[redacted] phoned [redacted] from his home and explained that he had a bad throat. He said that [redacted] should come over to his home and pick up the material because he was unable to attend the meeting that evening.

[redacted] talked further to [redacted] concerning the agenda for a meeting, the nature of which he did not disclose. It is believed he was referring to the commission meeting which he had mentioned previously. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] call [redacted] and speak to him concerning the agenda.

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It was also learned that [] has an appointment on the evening of November 30, 1964, to meet with an unknown woman. Also at this meeting will be []

[] and []

Later in the day at the office of the MF, a call was received from []. He represented himself as []

[] He said he was attempting to contact [] [] revealed that he was interested in determining if an announcement had been made at an MF meeting on November 22, 1964, concerning the planned picketing in Glenview, Illinois, by the Jewish War Veterans of the John Birch Society headquarters. He wanted to know if the announcement had been made and how [] had obtained the information. [] was informed that there was no information immediately available concerning this matter, but that his inquiry would be given to []

Subsequently, [] was contacted and he was very satisfied by the manner [] had handled [] questions. She was instructed to recontact [] and to tell him that [] was ill and unable to speak, but he would call him the following day, November 24, 1964.

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Clerics Oppose Birch Library

17 From South Suburbs Sign Protest

A statement was read from the pulpits of 13 churches in 9 south suburbs yesterday attacking plans of members of the John Birch society to open an American Opinion library in Homewood.

The statement, signed by 15 Protestant ministers, a Catholic priest, and a rabbi, was drafted at a meeting Dec. 15 in Flossmoor Community church.

Fear "Divisive Effects"

"While recognizing the right of the John Birch society to pursue its program of indoctrination within established laws, and the right of all people to associate and espouse such lawful causes and ideas as they choose, nonetheless we view this event with real concern because of the divisive effects experienced in other communities," the statement read.

It linked the Birch society with "extreme groups [which] question the patriotism and loyalty of Americans who are not in full accord with their views." It called the seriousness of such attacks "on the basic philosophy of democracy and to orderly government... very real."

"The [American] society is being endangered by organized forces of reaction," the statement read. "Many leaders of government, public life, and the church who deserve respect and confidence have been subjected to destructive campaigns of misleading innuendo, hate, and vilification."

Affirm Faith in Debate

"While affirming our faith in free and open debate or political alignment, we are disturbed by those who seem unable to disagree without questioning the adversary's honesty and patriotism."

Signatories of the statement were Msgr. W. E. Croarkin, pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church, Chicago Heights; Rabbi Frank Rosenthal, spiritual leader of Anshe Sholom temple, Olympia Fields; The Rev. Donald M. Crank, the Rev. Christopher Garriott, and the Rev. Trent Owings, St. Paul Community church, Homewood; the Rev. Mark P. Wiberg, Lutheran Church of the Master, Hazel Crest; the Rev. Allison P. Weatherby, St. Andrew Methodist church, Homewood; the Rev. T. W. Simer, Christian Community church, Markham; and the Rev. W. H. Siebert, St. Mark United Church of Christ, Chicago Heights.

Others who signed were the Rev. John C. Rinehart, Trinity United Church of Christ, Saul Village; the Rev. Wendell G. Pew, United Christian church, Country Club Hills; the Rev. Howard Peckenpaugh, Flossmoor Baptist church; the Rev. David T. Nelson, House of Prayer Lutheran church, Country Club Hills; the Rev. Stuart P. Lundahl, Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Matteson; and the Rev. Robert K. Bell, the Rev. Richard Lewis, the Rev. John Malchuk, Flossmoor Community church.

Miss Julia Totten, director of Christian education at Flossmoor Community, also signed the statement.

A spokesman for the Birch society said that no site has been selected for the library. There are 230 American Opinion libraries thruout the nation, he said. Most of the persons attempting to set up the Homewood library are society members, he said.

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Pastors Rip Birch Society as Disruptive

Members of the Glenbrook Ministerial association, composed of Protestant ministers in Glenview and Northbrook, made public yesterday a statement in which they asserted that the "extremism" of the John Birch society is not in accord with their understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

They adopted the statement at a meeting of the association Wednesday. The vote was 17 in favor with one abstention.

A Source of Disunity

The declaration said the "preachment" of the John Birch society "may not intend to, but in fact does, create disunity among people and within communities."

"While some of its ends are important, some of the means to the ends are immoral," it stated.

The clergymen said they are "proud" to be associated with other Christians in the National Council of Churches and that they support "our nation's commitment to the United Nations."

The council and the U.N. have been attacked by persons allegedly members or followers of the John Birch society.

Room for All Views

Both the conservative and the liberal points of view, have a valid and valuable place in our democratic system, the statement said. Another of its provisions said, "We stand implacably against the evils of materialism, atheism, and totalitarianism as embodied in communism."

Roger B. Morrison, a spokesman for the John Birch society's office in Glenview, replied that "it is a shame when a few members of the clergy" make statements denouncing the society, "when it is obvious to us that they have not studied the society thoroly."

"As soon as we are able," he said, "we will see to it that the ministers concerned are given an opportunity to meet with us and discuss what the John Birch society really is."

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Information concerning the John Birch Society

On January 4, 1965 Chief of Police MELVIN MEYER, (NA) Homewood, Illinois Police Department advised that the John Birch Society is opening either Jan. 15 or Feb 1, 1965 the AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY, INC OF Homewood at 2048 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois. This is operated by a [REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED] and currently of [REDACTED]

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It was learned that on December 16, 1964 [redacted]
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[redacted] discussed with [redacted] the meeting in
Chicago in January, 1964, of the Republican National
Committee. [redacted] suggested various ideas he had
to bring the deliberations of the Committee out in
the open and to show a comparison, in an unfavorable manner,
between the Republican Party at the time of Lincoln and
the Republican Party today. & U

[redacted] indicated that a theme could be developed
along such a line as pointing out that [redacted] was
killed 100 years ago--don't kill him again, a hundred
years later. & U

Another suggestion: letters to editors and even
renting a plane and throwing pennies out of it...to
emphasize the Lincoln angle. They want to demonstrate
that the majority of people are not on the "far right."
[redacted] wants to connect in the public mind [redacted] and [redacted]
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[redacted] also suggested the possibility of setting
up picket lines. & U

[redacted] reacted favorably to [redacted] suggestions
and said that he would speak to the "people" from Madison,
Wisconsin this weekend and will try to get them to help.
[redacted] said that the CP cannot do this by itself and
[redacted] agreed. & U

[redacted] also suggested that items be placed in
the "persons" columns of local newspapers spotlighting the
fact that the Republicans will be meeting in Chicago. & U

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[] disclosed that his father had recently died in California and he had just returned from the funeral. [] said his business had become stagnant but he hopes by January 1 to have it going good again. Q

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BIRCH LIBRARY TO OPEN FEB. 1

The Homewood chapter of the John Birch society will open a library at 2048 Ridge rd. in the suburb on Feb. 1, William Campbell, head of the chapter, announced yesterday. Campbell said the library will rent and sell conservative literature.

"We are not kooks, or radicals," said Campbell. "It is our purpose to encourage people to take a more active part in community life and government."

The library, staffed by volunteers from the chapter, will be open noon to 9 p. m. weekdays and 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Saturdays.

Fifteen Protestant ministers, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Rabbi from nine south suburbs several weeks ago issued a statement decrying what they called the divisive effects experienced in other communities where John Birch society libraries have been opened.

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Illinois, telephonically advised the writer that he had been advised by his friends to notify the FBI that he has obtained a complimentary subscription to "The Worker." He also advised that he receives the "ADA World" which he considers to be very similar to "The Worker."

He also advised that he is a member of the John Birch Society and the Americans for Constitutional Action. He stated that his ideological sympathies are in accord with these two groups entirely.

He advised that he furnished the above information for purposes of having the FBI's record straight in regards to his subscriptions to the above publications.

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Those Dangerous Birchers

WIDESPREAD DISTRESS is being voiced about the gains in membership claimed by the John Birch society and other ultra-right organizations. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is the latest to call attention to these gains; at its annual meeting Thursday in Washington, the league reported that the Birch society had achieved the biggest membership growth in its history last fall, and called the trend "ominous."

We understand the worries, but pending further evidence we can't get terribly worked up about them. The Birch society and its leader, Robert Welch, try hard to look important, and seem to have impressed a lot of people. To our mind, tho, Welch gave the society its permanent I. Q. rating with his charge that Dwight Eisenhower was a Communist agent; and frankly, life is too short to worry about this kind of prattle or the people who can take it seriously.

Moreover, the real dangers of the radical right movement seem to us more likely to decrease than to increase as its formal membership grows. What danger there is comes from its dedicated, hard-core fanatics, and is in direct relation to the degree of control they exert over members. But these members, after all, are Americans—they have not been brought up to be readily controllable, or to surrender their brains to higher authority on demand.

A kind of self-correcting process is operative here. As more people join the ranks, more and more viewpoints and differences of opinion come into play, and the movement almost inevitably grows more diffuse and decentralized.

The great advantage that Birch society membership offers, as far as we can make out, is that it encourages followers to consolidate all their worries into one big worry. Instead of fretting separately about the United Nations, foreign aid, civil rights protests, juvenile crime, and 1,000 other headaches, they can lump them all under the single heading of communism, and do their worrying more economically. If this suits them, it's fine by us. Communism does require plenty of worrying, with or without additions.

Any time an ultra-right group starts trying coercive tactics, it should of course be slapped down. Meantime, the radical rightists are perfectly free to sound off as much as they like; and the rest of us, thank heaven, are perfectly free not to listen.

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What Is the John Birch Society?

Red infiltration of organizations with liberal ideals was greatly impaired when FBI investigation exposed it. Exhaustive security checks made it virtually impossible for a person with any hint of Red leaning to gain position in government.

If America cannot be divided and weakened from the left so that the Communists can take control, why not try from the right?

Using the "principle of reversal," you could set up a superduper patriotic outfit. Then you could attack the government, the President, Congress and the Supreme Court, the Constitution; you could pit management against labor, preach racial hate, ridicule religion and its leaders; as

red—excuse me—blue-blooded, loyal, dedicated Americans.

When you hold meetings, put Old Glory in a prominent place on the rostrum and be sure to give your outfit a righteous, soul-stirring name, like, say, the John Birch Society.

DAN SMITH

Markham

THANK YOU for the reports on the John Birch Society. A political action group such as this should be open to public scrutiny.

I am fascinated by the "principle of reversal." Carried to its logical end (unlikely in the case of the Birchers), this would indicate that, since the society is very vocal in its antagonism toward Communist ideology, it must, therefore, be still another secret Communist conspiracy intended to confuse us. The society's very opposition would indicate pro-communism.

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No Birchite

After reading the series on the John Birch Society and the group's notions of what an American citizen should believe, I have to confess that I fall short of their minimums.

However, since they are not a policy-making majority, I haven't made application for my passport yet. I may stay around and help to support the rules which have kept this country staggering along ahead of the rest of the world.

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN
Crystal Lake

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Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1965.

With respect to your inquiry, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

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Birchers Are Stung By Own Chief's Words

BY JACK MABLEY

IN VIEW OF THE GROWTH of the John Birch society, it is worth using a few paragraphs to repeat the statements of Robert

Welch which caused the original position to him and his society.

JACK
MABLEY

... Welch
confounded
by his own
words.



"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist," Welch wrote, "and

has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch also wrote of President Eisenhower, "The Communists have one of their own actually in the Presidency." Also, "... there is only one possible word to describe his [Eisenhower's] purposes and actions. That word is treason."

The man who wrote this is the man who calls all the shots in the John Birch society.

CHICAGO ALDERMEN are being heated up by a campaign to rename the Southwest expressway for Gen. Tadeusz Andrzej Bonawentura Kosciuszko.

The sponsoring committee warns that the eyes of 750,000 Chicagoans of Polish descent are watching the aldermen, and hints that refusal to vote favorably for the change will be political suicide.

In the past, Crawford avenue was changed to Pulaski, 8th to Balbo, 39th to Pershing, 12th to Roosevelt [T. R.], Northwest to John F. Kennedy, and Congress to Eisenhower. How would you like to be an Irish alderman wrestling with this one?

THURSDAY AT MIDNIGHT a cold, lonely figure walked along Lake Shore drive at Oak street, stopping at the light of each barricade. The signs, to keep motorists from going into

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the lake, were splashed by passing cars, and the man wiped them clean.

He probably thought he was unseen and unappreciated. But a man in 999, who was watching from his window took the trouble to say to me:

"We always blast city workers for loafing, but not much is said about the guy who goes a little farther than he has to. Here was a fellow on his own, doing that little extra. There was no foreman around to make him do it. Doesn't that deserve a little recognition?"

"It does. Sorry we don't have his name."

HERE'S AN ODD REQUEST we're passing along on the chance it might hit the right place: A lady with an 8-year-old retarded child, who has to work, and leaves the girl with her elderly mother, needs a playpen with sides a foot higher than normal. The little girl will tumble out of a regular-size playpen. Does anybody know where to get such a playpen, or do we get out the old hammer and chisel?

I'M JUST SQUARE ENOUGH to pass along some fascinating definitions of a square by Robert Sylvester, who writes a column for our cousin, the New York Daily News.

A square may be over 40, but he still wears his high school ring. . . . He wears Bermuda shorts on the golf course. . . . He's the only worker in the office who locks his desk every night.

The square takes soup only if it comes with the price of the full meal. . . . He wears a plastic cover over his hat on rainy days. . . . He's concerned about sex on the campus and the decline of American intellectual activity. . . . His personal life is well adjusted thanks to Dr. Joyce Brothers. . . . He puts shoe trees in his tennis sneakers.

His favorite comedian is Durward Kirby. . . . He buys new shoe laces before the old ones break, and he has all of Fred Astaire's records. . . . He eats meat loaf for lunch.

The square can't resist those coupons in the magazine which promise a free trial of something. . . . He can figure out the famous people libeled in blind items in the gossip columns. . . . And the square will read this and think it's about somebody else.

Birch Beliefs

When I read your editorial, "A Deadly Nationalism," I was horrified to see that you included the John Birch society with black nationalism, Nasserism, De Gaulism, and the Black Muslims.

The Birch society (I am a member) believes in the Con-

stitution of law and order. We include all races and religions and are an educational organization. We do not believe in violence!

We have no objections to other points of view being heard, but I see no reason why ours shouldn't be heard also.

Our only goal is to preserve our wonderful country and freedom.

MRS. H. CAVANAGH

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Birch Society's Welch At Work: Recruiting And Accusing

For the first time in the six-year history of the John Birch Society, a newsman was permitted to attend and report on a society seminar, conducted by founder Robert W. Welch. Here is his story.

By Paul Beck

L.A. Times Special

The slight, dapper man, his sparse gray hair slightly mussed by the wind, stepped to the microphones and rapped for attention.

For the next two days, he spoke earnestly, with the utmost conviction and with the spirit of a man bent on a holy crusade. For seven hours each day his voice was the only one heard except for a half-dozen questions by his audience.

The speaker was Robert W. Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society.

His audience consisted of about 100 invited guests

some 20 members and staff assistants, about 70 prospective members and one newspaperman.

First For Newsman

The occasion was a seminar on the society. It was the first time in the six-year history of the society that a newspaperman had been permitted to attend and report on a seminar.

Only one rule was laid down at the outset:

Everyone attending must agree to spend the entire two days at the seminar so the complete presentation on the John Birch Society could be heard and, hopefully, understood and agreed upon.

The sessions were held at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Talley in the Thousand Oaks section of Ventura County, California, 40 miles north of Los Angeles.

The 65-year-old founder of the ultraconservative society did not reveal any new precepts nor disclose any major new plans of action in his goal to eliminate communism.

Instead, his discourse hinged on the original presentation he made to 11 men on Dec. 8 and 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, when he founded the society.

For the most part, he read almost word for word from the society's bible—the Blue Book.

Charge Of Treason

But at times, Welch departed from the written word to allege Communist advances in the United States and throughout the world.

And it was during these diversions from the Blue Book that the audience would listen intently, nodding heads and granting in agreement at particular allegations of how the world's leaders committed treas-

son and sold out to the Communist conspiracy.

Welch tells his audience there can be no question among members of the society about his leadership or the group's goals. As he pointed out, the Blue Book says:

"The men (and women) who join the John Birch Society during the next few months or few years are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway."

In the fight against communism, Welch said in the Blue Book, "We are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates. We are not going to have questions developing on the theme."

Derides Debate

And, he added at the seminar, "The two-sides-to-every-question bit is folly . . . nonsense."

The seminar was the conclu-

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sion of a week-long visit to Southern California by Welch as part of a new drive to recruit 38,000 members in California and a total of 325,000 nationally by the end of 1966. Present estimates range between 80,000 and 100,000 members.

A press conference, his speeches, a television appearance and the invitation to a reporter to sit in on a seminar are perhaps the first indications that Welch is moving his organization into a more public-oriented position.

He concedes that the society is getting "much better and fairer treatment" from the press. He says this is caused by two things: a better public relations program by the society and because "as we've grown and become more influential, it becomes more difficult (for the press) to put out more falsehoods about us be-

cause too many people know now it isn't true."

Talks Build Treasury

How many new members Welch has picked up is not known. John Rousselot, the society's public relations director, said some persons undoubtedly signed up immediately after the seminar, while others will talk it over at home before applying for membership.

Welch himself, however, added more than \$10,000 to the organization's treasury with speeches at Culver City, Santa Ana and Pasadena.

While Welch's major aim is "less government and more responsibility," he is a bitter critic of anticolonialism.

"One of the greatest crimes in all history was Great Britain betraying its colonial peoples into communism . . . under the guise of giving them independence," he said.

"There is one reassuring

thing I can tell you," Welch told his seminar. "If you are worried about an external war, don't. Nothing is more remote."

He said the Communists do not have the military strength to fight the United States and a third world war is impossible because "they can't trust their own people."

Sees Red Revolts

"A third world war would be the signal for revolts in Hungary, Poland, East Germany and everywhere else the Communists have imposed their rule — to all enslaved peoples," he said.

Welch continually points out he formed the society for a purpose beyond the elimination of communism. "Our fight against communism is purely an incidental matter to our long-range purpose," he says, which is:

"Less government, more responsibility and a better world."

John Birch Society

John Birchers Barred at Top By New Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—The new American Conservative Union has set up headquarters near the capitol, approved a \$400,000 first-year budget, barred John Birch Society members from its top command, and set for itself this goal:

"We hope to build the greatest in-depth conservative voice and action this country has seen, and on a totally responsible basis."

The spokesman, ACU chairman Donald Bruce, former Republican congressman from Indiana, also told an interviewer that the quietly organized new political movement intends to:

- Keep the Republican Party on the right-wing course it chose in San Francisco last July, despite the election disaster to its nominee, Barry Goldwater.

- Enlist conservative-minded scholars and writers to develop and disseminate policies and programs for the GOP that will attract what Bruce calls the "ideologically uncommitted majority" of voters who turned away from Goldwater.

- Engage in politics "actively and openly," Bruce said, to get conservative Republicans nominated and elected, by providing an "possible help" short of cash contributions.

Lobby in Congress for conservative causes. Bruce indicated that ACU would, for instance, oppose direct federal aid to education, the nuclear test-ban treaty, urban renewal, and the one-man one-vote reapportionment rule.

FROM A NUCLEUS of 70 organizers who met Dec. 19 at a Washington hotel, in a closed, unpublicized meeting, the ACU has taken form quickly and, geared itself for national growth.

Missing from any role in the society are overt members of the John Birch Society or "extremist" groups, although one ACU adviser, William S. Schlamm, formerly was an associate editor of American Opinion, the magazine of which Robert Welch, the Birch Society founder, is editor.

The decision to exclude Birch members from being officers or directors of ACU was made at the December organization meeting. There reportedly was hot argument on the question, but anti-Birch sentiment prevailed.

THE ACU top command is a 17-member board of directors. Among them are several of the strategists who engineered Goldwater's victory at the Republican convention in San Francisco.

Vice chairman is Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio). Secretary is Robert E. Bauman, national chairman of Young Americans for Freedom, which was the outgrowth of the 1960 "Youth for Goldwater for Vice President" group. Treasurer is Frank S. Meyer, an editor of the conservative monthly, National Review.

Other directors are Texas GOP chairman Peter O'Donnell Jr., the Dallas oilman who headed the national Draft Goldwater Committee; editor William F. Buckley Jr. and publisher William A. Rusher of the National Review; William H. Brady Jr., Milwaukee businessman; author John Dos Passos, and former Rep. Katharine St. George (R-N.Y.), who was defeated in November.

BRUCE SAID "the heart of our organization is the advisory assembly"—a 60-member panel headed with professors, authors, editors and lecturers.

Among the assembly members are Dr. Milton Friedman, a Goldwater economic adviser and leader in the conservative "Chicago school" of economics; Neil McCaffrey, president

of the Conservative Book Club; retired Adm. Ben Morrell; Henry Regnery, Chicago publisher of rightist books; Lewis L. Strauss, former commerce secretary and active supporter of Goldwater; Sen. John G. Tower (R-Tex.), and Dr. Edward R. Annis, former president of the American Medical Assn.

What if Republicans like Govs. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania recapture the GOP? Would ACU join the swing, or would it favor a third party?

"We would not swing," Bruce said. "And under any foreseeable circumstances we are vigorously opposed to a third party. We believe in building the strongest second party possible. A third party would only splinter the second party and strengthen the whole liberal left."

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**BIRCH SOCIETY
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IN HOMEWOOD**

Reed Benson, Washington representative of the John Birch society, will speak at a public meeting at 8 p. m. April 7 in the Homewood village hall auditorium.

Benson's talk, "Why I Joined the John Birch Society," will be sponsored by the American Opinion library, operated by the society at 2048 Ridge rd., Homewood.

Benson is the eldest son of Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture in the Eisenhower administration. He is a former Mormon missionary.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL TELLS IT: The John Birch Society uses a world map to show the spread of communism. Countries are colored various shades of red to show the extent of their Communist tinge. The United States is colored medium pink. Only country without any Communist tinge, according to the Birch Society, is tiny Western Samoa in the Pacific.

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Police Backer

Several months ago it was made known some members of the Philadelphia police were members of the John Birch society.

The director of police in Newark, N. J., Dominick Spina, completed an investigation of the Birch society's activities and literature and said, "Membership in the Birch society does not conflict with police regulations."

Our police are a primary target of the Communists. The term, "police brutality," is used frequently by Communists to discredit the police, an example being Lee Harvey Oswald's shout of "police brutality" after he had shot a policeman.

The John Birch society program, "Support Your Local Police," is an excellent effort to back our local law enforcers. It is an educational effort to inform the people how vital to preserving the peace our local police forces are.

MRS. H. CAVANAGH

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She stated that she and [REDACTED] were definitely not
interested in this organization and desired to go on record
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Shriners Hear Views on Varied Topics

Birch Spokesman Assails Press

BY PAUL GAPP

While a group of Shriners listened, the man at the speaker's table lashed out at the UN, Earl Warren, sexy movies, the school prayer ban, newspapers, civil rights marchers, UNESCO, defense officials, the NAACP, Martin Luther King, Time magazine, Gunnar Myrdal, critics of Revilo P. Oliver, liberals, Russians, state reappointment, and "people who say members of the John Birch Society are crazy."



JOSEPH MAURER

The speaker was Joseph C. Maurer, west suburban coordinator for the Birch society and in private life a representative of Reynolds & Co., an investment firm at 111 W. Jackson.

The listeners were members of the Transportation Shrine Club. They had invited the society to send a spokesman to their monthly luncheon meeting at the Palmer House Tuesday.

MAURER said the society has been victimized by "judicious tales," "complete fabrications," "distortions," and "nonsense." The press, he said, is among the major persecutors.

Maurer recalled news reports concerning Revilo P. Oliver, the University of Illinois professor who last year said President Kennedy was executed by Communist plotters "because he was planning to turn American."

"Oliver did not call President Kennedy a Communist," said Maurer.

"As usual, all these papers printed what they saw fit to print. As usual, Americans are boob-bait for whoever

pushes the button and decides what they should read and what they should not read."

MAURER cited court decisions, congressional hearings, government publications and Birch Society proclamations in support of his charges against two dozen or more persons and groups.

He repeatedly returned to his basic theme: That virtually every significant political event or social movement in the post-war years has been influenced by Communist plotting.

"This is serious business," Maurer said. "The Communists are not horsing around."

THE THREAT begins at the elementary school level, said Maurer, who singled out the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as prime offender.

"One of the most bizarre examples of UNESCO literature was the sex education pamphlet passed out to elementary school children in California. It contained illustrations in color.

"And if Johnny comes home some day and says, 'Daddy, there will be no private property in the new order,' you'll know he's probably been reading UNESCO material."

THERE WAS a brief question-and-answer session after the Shrine luncheon. One

listener used it to express an opinion.

"You stated earlier that the Birch Society has no position on the civil rights movement as such, but you sure spent a lot of time tearing the movement down," he said.

"Has the Birch Society arrived at a decision on what caused the Civil War?" asked another Shriner.

After the meeting, a reporter asked Maurer why an-

other Birch official originally scheduled to address the group had been unable to appear.

"He's in Dallas," Maurer grinned. "The city of hate."

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ROBERT WELCH HITS FOREIGN POLICY OF U. S.

Warns of Red Plot in Southern States

BY DAVID HALVORSEN

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society, last night criticized American foreign policy and warned of a communist plot to form a Negro soviet state in the south.

Welch, in a speech entitled, "A Touch of Sanity," drew numerous rounds of applause from more than 450 persons attending a dinner of the Congress of Conservatives being held in the Sheraton-Chicago hotel.

"American people, as a whole, are being led to act as tho they literally have lost their senses," he asserted.

Pay for Reds' Battles

The United States has spent millions of dollars to communist Poland which in turn has aided North Viet Nam which uses the same money against American forces in South Viet Nam, he said.

Welch attacked United States foreign policy in Africa and said there is no chance for the natives in Africa "having respect for anything other than force."

Welch referred to communist publications which he said spell out the Red plan for a Negro state.

"Thousands of whites will be murdered in time by the few Negro criminals," he declared, "and ten of thousands of fine Negroes themselves will be killed by those seeking leadership of the Negro state."

In other actions, the delegates moved ahead with plans for a third party yesterday despite criticism within their ranks.

Kent Courtney of New Orleans, publisher of a conservative newspaper and chairman of the three-day meeting, said a committee of five men was appointed to put into final form a statement of principles for

an anti-communist third party.

Have Eye on Wallace

The statement will be released today at the concluding session of the congress being held in the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. Also to be released will be a "statement of structure" which will outline how conservative groups throught the country can unite under a single banner.

No name has been designated for the party nor is there any immediate plan to name potential candidates, Courtney said. He and others, however, have hinted they would like to see Gov. George Wallace of Alabama become the party standard bearer.

Medford Evans of Jackson, Miss., has been named chairman of a committee to form the new party.

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Welch Calls U.S. Madhouse Operated By Worst Patients

The United States is "one vast insane asylum and you can't get out," Robert Welch, founder of the ultraconservative John Birch Society, told a Chicago audience Friday night. Furthermore, declared the 5-year-old candy manufacturer from Massachusetts, "they're putting the worst patients, run amok place."

Welch also charged the American civil rights move-

ment is being guided and used by Communists dedicated to the "dismemberment of American society."

The same Communists, he said, have "brainwashed American college youngsters as a part of the insanity that's creeping over the United States."

Welch told a gathering of 300 right-wingers at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel that a collective dedication to morality is the only way to head off an eventual Communist takeover.

"What's happening in the South... does not make sense unless you realize what the Communists behind all this agitation are up to," he warned, "and that is the dismemberment of American society."

The appointment of Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, governmental subsidies to "left-wing foundations," the ban on compulsory prayers in public schools, urban renewal, the "slavish following (of) the Communist line" by the American press, were all cited as proof that "the United States is one vast insane asylum."

The three-day congress, which was scheduled to end Saturday by putting a third

political party into orbit, will wind-up, instead with a committee.

It became apparent Friday that the united front of ultra-right-wingers was splitting at the seams over the third-party issue.

Those who hoped to end the meeting in a blaze of conservatism with a tailor-made separate party were forced to settle for a five-member committee that is to be empowered to study the situation for the next few months.

Kent Courtney, chairman of the congress, hastily called a press conference Friday to explain why the delegates will not be celebrating Saturday what had been billed as "New Party Day."

Instead, he said, they decided to name a five-member committee to draw up "a statement of principles" to tell the world "what we are for and not what we are against."

As the congress deferred formation of a third party, Charles H. Percy, defeated Republican candidate for governor, issued a statement that said he preferred to see the "radical right" leaders form their own party, rather than see their views embraced by the Republican Party.

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Robert Welch, head of the Birch society, holding an informal conference in the lobby of the O'Hare inn.

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On February 25, 1965, the Skokie Area Liberal Democratic Club had a general meeting at Devonshire Manor with three guest panelists to discuss "Danger on the Right". & u

In attendance were 115 people including:

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[REDACTED] discussed the "far right" from a legislative standpoint and told of some of the "right" pressure groups that affect state and Federal laws. & u

[REDACTED] then told of the Birch activities in Glenview and how they affected his parishioners and what he does to combat them. & u

[REDACTED] then took over to handle the question period but first allowed [REDACTED] to make a short announcement to the affect that he would be selling the book "Danger on the Far Right" after the meeting. A question period was then held. & u

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1,000 at Birch Open House

BY JACK SCHNEIDER

There's nothing secret about the John Birch Society's new American Opinion Library in River Forest.

A broad picture window fronts the one-story building at 7777 Lake where an estimated 1,000 persons jammed into an open house and formal opening Sunday.

Looking for the most part like they had just come from church, knots of members and guests spilled onto the sidewalk while waiting to shake hands with Robert Welch, Birch Society founder, who came from Boston for the opening.

THE CROWD sipped a tasty red fruit punch, nibbled on cookies baked by women of the society and browsed through the right-wing books and pamphlets which the library sells.

A bonus attraction for members was Revilo P. Oliver, University of Illinois professor of classics. He stirred a tempest

last year when he wrote in the Birch Society's American Opinion magazine that President John F. Kennedy was killed because of his role in a Communist conspiracy.

Oliver, sporting an unkempt mustache and a large blue pocket handkerchief, told well-wishers the mail he has received since his Kennedy article "makes a pile literally 3 feet high."

"And the great bulk of it has supported my statements," the professor added.

ACROSS THE ROOM, Welch autographed copies of his book, "The Politician," and cautioned one enthusiastic woman to "watch out so you don't spill my punch."

The balding Birch Society founder, who resembles the candymaker he once was more than the spokesman for the radical right he has become, said the large turnout "shows we are growing stronger all the time."

A sign above a table read "Membership Applications Here," but a discussion between two society officials indicated no one had remembered to bring any.

A LONE NEGRO mixed with the old folks, married couples and teen-agers who shopped heavily at the library's sales counter.

"These books make such perfect graduation and wedding presents," one woman explained.

She bought a booklet entitled "The Beatles and Communism," which was sold out before the opening was an hour old.

The selection of literature included the "John Birch Society Blue Book" and such staples of the far right as John Stormer's "None Dare Call It Treason."

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Welch Here For Opening Of Birch Society Library

Robert Welch, founder of the ultra conservative John Birch Society, was among 1,000 invited guests at the opening Sunday of the American Opinion Library at 7777 Lake in River Forest.

Ray McCracken, library president, said the library was

moved from 1008 North Blvd., Oak Park, to River Forest because of a need for more room. He said its purpose is to make available conservative literature and Birch Society publications not available in most bookstores. The library includes a reading room and lending facilities.

Another Birch Society library was opened Saturday at 8 S. Park in Lombard. Other units are located in Glenview and Chicago.

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Birch Society To Aid Another Negro Student

The John Birch Society has announced that it will again award a \$1,000 four-year college scholarship to a promising Negro student.

The group's Manning Johnson scholarship was given for the first time last year to a girl now studying to be a nurse.

Applications can be obtained by writing the society office at 2627 Mission St., San Marino, Calif. The deadline is Aug. 1.

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No Threat to U.S.—Rep. Ashbrook

Tells Why Birchers Aren't Probed

BY GEORGE MURRAY

The youngest member of the House un-American activities subcommittee said here that he would be willing to investigate the John Birch society if anyone could come up with a good reason for doing so.

Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R., O.), 36 and serving his fifth year on the committee, said: "In my opinion the Birch society occupies the same place on the right that the A. D. A. [Americans for Democratic Action] does on the left—and both fulfill a legitimate function in giving their members a voice within the framework of our form of government."

Ashbrook said that to equate either of these organizations with the Communist party is impossible, since the Communists in this country constitute a group of foreign agents trained to represent the interests of the Soviet Union.

Outlines Group's Limits

The HUAC's interest in any group, Ashbrook said, is limited to the extent to which that group might pose a threat to the American form of government.

Ashbrook spoke to CHICAGO'S AMERICAN during a recess in the 3 days of hearings conducted here by the HUAC in the United States Court of Appeals building, 1212 N. Lake Shore Dr. He said:

"In my opinion the Communist party and its sympathizers pose a greater threat to the United States today than at any time in the last 20 years, principally because of a lessening in public awareness of its nature and danger."

Ashbrook said that in his opinion American security interests at home have been

played down to make more palatable the idea of trade with communist-dominated countries, agreements on nuclear pacts, and the search for some disarmament formula.

Ashbrook, publisher for the last 13 years of the weekly Johnstown Independent in his home town, said that "a glance at history will show we are following identically the same cycle today in our relations with the Soviet Union as we followed with Germany during Hitler's rise."

Cites Nazi Horrors

"All that we have learned about Dachau and Buchenwald and Auschwitz—and the horrors of those Nazi concentration camps—has not awakened the American people to the fact that totalitarian regimes simply are different from our own form of government," he said.

"The Americans are saying today, 'Kosygin is a man just like us, with a sense of humor and great administrative capacity. He doesn't want war, which would destroy all that Russia has built up. The American people simply do not seem to understand that a totalitarian regime operates by different rules than does our form of government.'"

Ashbrook, who has been interested in governmental affairs all his life since his father was a congressman before him, concluded sadly:

"Honestly, I wouldn't be surprised if one of these days some of these soft heads begin agitating to give foreign aid to the Soviet Union."



REP. JOHN M. ASHBROOK

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Due to the lack of attendance because of inclement weather, [redacted] disengaged of all business and devoted his time to reading correspondence, that he had received and written. & u

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Amongst the letters was one addressed to [redacted] of the State Department, he expressed his dissatisfaction with the extension of the Statute of Limitations that the West German Government Parliament had passed. He also said that he was going to look into the Nazi War Criminals that are residents in the United States. & u

He also wrote a letter to ARTHUR CROWLEY the Ambassador to the United Nations in protest to the Statute of Limitations and asked that he make a protest. & u

He also wrote to [redacted] in Los Angeles to investigate and send information back on the bill that was passed to ban the American Nazi Party, John Birch Society and all subversive organizations in California. & u

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What's Right --And Left Oak Park?

The most right thing in Oak Park has left.

The John Birch Society's information outlet there, the American Opinion Library at 1008 North Blvd. has moved to 7777 Lake St., River Forest.

"It's going to be in scrumptious, elegant new quarters," said Mrs. Julius W. Butler, 122 1/2 31st Av., Oak Brook, manager of the ultra-conservative society's reading room.

The library has been located in the one-room Oak Park office since Sept. 1, 1963.

"WE'LL HAVE two rooms, two beautiful, beautiful rooms when we finish," Mrs. Butler said. "They're installing the carpeting now."

Gala opening of the library's new quarters will be Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

"It will be the most wonderful thing you ever saw, because you know who will be there."

"You-know-who" is Robert Welch, Birch Society founder.

"It's going to be a private affair, by invitation only," Mrs. Butler said. "They'll have to sign a book as they enter."

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... WTTW
will air a red-hot National Educational
TV network interview show with Rob-
ert Welch, chief of the John Birch So-
ciety, July 28. It's 90 minutes long, and
Welch announces for the first time that
the membership is now somewhere between 60,000 and 100,000.

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ROBERT WELCH

8:30 p. m., Channel 11 — Regional Report. "The John Birch Society." A 45-minute interview of Robert Welch, founder and director of the John Birch society, is included in a 90-minute program evaluating what has happened to the society since the 1964 Presidential elections. In the interview portion, Welch talks about his personal philosophy, the society's structure, programs and goals; the nation's mass media, Chief Justice Earl Warren, foreign aid, United States trade with Red China, and alleged communist influence within the civil rights movement. In another segment, Chicago's AMERICAN Columnist Jack Mabley gives his views on the society.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Chicago

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
Information Concerning [REDACTED]

On 8/14/65 [REDACTED] Illinois, Telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically advised that the John Burch Society in Deerfield, Ill. had a [REDACTED] as their speaker at one of their meetings. He stated that she spoke about her past activity in the Communist Party and that fact that she had helped the FBI in Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that this meeting took place about one month ago and that about 200 people attended and that these persons were known to be residences of Deerfield.

He stated that it is not unusual for known members of the Unitarian Church, Route 22, West of the toll road on Half Day road, Ill. to attend their meetings and laugh at the speakers whenever the FBI was mentioned or when the House on Unamerican Activities was mentioned. He stated that during thier meeting one month ago a lady he described as a White female, age 50's who was accompanied by a lady whom he assumed to be her daughter attended one of their meeting and also laughed with the others when the FBI and other organizations of high reputation were mentioned. He stated that he has only recently learned that this lady mentioned above is [REDACTED] Illinois. He advised that since he has not seen this lady before at any of the meetings that he believed that her identity would be of interest to the FBI.

He further stated that he does not know how the lady heard of the meeting as it was published only in the Deerfield paper.

He advised that the above mentioned persons not only laughed at the speakers but generally heckled them throughout their talk.

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Birch Society Claims Reds In 60% Control Of Nation

By Dan Kurzman

Washington Post Special

WASHINGTON—The John Birch Society estimates that the present degree of Communist influence or control over the economic and political affairs of the United States is from 60 to 80 per cent.

In a survey of Communist progress in the world, the current issue of American Opinion, the society's monthly magazine, claims that communism is the dominant influence

in 88 out of 123 non-Communist bloc countries and territories.

Many members and sympathizers of the society who were dismayed when its leader Robert Welch, editor of the magazine, said that President Dwight D. Eisenhower was a "conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy," may be disappointed to find that the views of the leadership toward moderates have not changed much.

Birchers have been trying in recent months to convince the public that it is a responsible anti-Communist organization.

In discussing communism in the United States, the magazine says that "Communist domination of many departments of the federal government is too obvious to require much comment. . . . The State Department is now so sure of the conspiracy's triumph that it will not tolerate in responsible positions persons who are unwilling to at least co-operate with the Communists."

Chief Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren and his colleagues emerge as the principal target of criticism, with the publica-

tion implying that they are moving the country not only toward dictatorship, but toward one of a "foreign" nature.

Defense Sec. Robert S. McNamara is accused of "sabotaging our armed forces . . . and installing probable subversives among our officers."

Civil rights leaders come off no better. "Despite the best efforts of Communists in the news services to cover up and confuse," the organ says, "most people have learned a little something of what happened when a horde of termites from all over the country, led by half-crazed ministers and professors, swarmed over the small

ing of marines in Santo Domingo had come under the direction of what often seems to be Communist headquarters in Washington (officially called the State Department)."

In Viet Nam, "no action really detrimental to the Communist is conceivable, or even possible, so long as (Sec. of State Dean) Rusk, McNamara, and (Atty.-Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach) remain in power."

French President Charles de Gaulle is seen as "beyond any reasonable doubt, the Communists' chief Trojan horse in Europe," leading a country that has a 70 to 90 per cent Communist-influence rating.

town of Selma, Ala., in a typical demonstration of Communist activism.

Furthermore, says American Opinion, the "actions in the Dominican Republic and in Viet Nam, both ostensibly anti-Communist in purpose, were decreed almost simultaneously at just the right moment to distract the attention of Americans from the bestial conduct of the creatures that the conspiracy had loosed on Selma."

As for the Dominican Republic, "within a very few days," the publication states, "it became apparent that the policy that began with the land-

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: 42nd - 43rd WARD CP CLUB
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ACTIVITY

Meeting of 42nd-43rd Ward CP Club

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May 27, 1965
Chicago, Illinois & u

Report on meeting of the Near North Side Club of the Communist Party of Chicago, Illinois. C

The meeting was held on May 26, 1965, at the apartment of [redacted] Illinois. The meeting started at about 8:15 PM and the following people were present: & u

[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]

The first part of the meeting was spent in stapling "The Worker" subscription cards to a pamphlet on poverty in the garment shops. On June 3, [redacted] and [redacted] will go to some buildings where the garment industry is centered and pass these out to the people in the morning as they go to work. The buildings are around Franklin and Jackson. & u

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[redacted] said that \$1,600 was handed in at the recent May Day celebration meeting. & u

[redacted] who works at a plant located at Orleans and Huron, gave a report on a strike the workers of her company are conducting. She said it is coming along very well. & u

[redacted] then told of a talk [redacted] will give on May 30th at Washington Park in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] then told of plans the Women for Peace have in distributing leaflets at the Memorial Day parade on May 30th downtown. She said if anyone wants more information they should call BU 8-0079 and ask for [redacted] & u

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The rest of the meeting was taken up in a discussion on the HUAC sessions in Chicago. [redacted] and [redacted] were in the picket lines where the sessions were held. [redacted] told of some comments between her and some [redacted] she met. [redacted] told of some comments [redacted] gave her on his testimony. [redacted] said she belongs to an Ad Hoc committee to abolish HUAC. Among its members, she said, were [redacted] and [redacted]. She said this committee is also concerned about the abolishment of the Mc Carran Act. The next meeting will be on June 16 at the Owen Davies Book Store. The meeting ended about 9:50 PM. & u

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THE IN-DEPTH STUDY of Robert Welch and the Birch Society, shown on Ch. 11 Wednesday night, confirmed what critics long have maintained. The society is an authoritarian organization, in which Welch is the supreme authority. Democracy was pooh-pooed by Welch as "something the liberals began foisting on the country at the beginning of the century," Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Thomas Paine, George Washington and others notwithstanding.

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Background Investigation

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Reporting Officer was assigned to make a brief background investigation on SUBJECT, an anti-Communist organization, whose members distributed leaflets in Evanston, Illinois recently, which branded "Martin Luther KING as a Communist.

The address listed above for SUBJECT organization is the same front headquarters of The AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY, an adjunct of the "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

The organization, not so, was formed about one month ago, according to [redacted] unlisted telephone no. [redacted] by members of the "John Birch Society, as a conservative protest group.

The organization's program and purpose is two fold:
No. 1 Strong anti-Communist action
No. 2 To push a strong urban renewal movement.

There are no officers at this time and there is no set membership. When demonstrations are planned, members of the "John Birch Society participate, and seek physical support from their friends who are not members.

SUBJECT does not have a permanent meeting place but has been given permission to use the address 5696 N. Ridge Avenue as a mail drop.

The leaflet distributed in Evanston, although bearing the name of SUBJECT, did not originate in this organization. It is one that has been used repeatedly by other anti-Communist organizations throughout the United States. (copies are on file in the Intelligence Division)

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'You Showed Courage Just Showing Up'

Birchers' First Meeting in Springfield

BY HENRY M. HANSON

Our Springfield Bureau
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — An organizational meeting of the John Birch Society was held in downtown Springfield Monday night—the first such meeting to take place in the state capital.

About 25 persons gathered in the basement of the Security Federal Savings and Loan Assn., five blocks from the Capitol, to hear the views of the arch-conservative society.

The meeting was by invitation only, but a Daily News reporter walked into the meeting and sat in the rear of the room.

A sign of the front of the room read, "Who control your thinking?"

MEL JONES, area co-ordinator for the society and a former Wheaton resident, told the group "You showed bravery and courage even showing up tonight in such a politically oriented town as Springfield."

No Statehouse politicians were apparent in the crowd. Jones, a stocky, golden-haired former IBM computer salesman, introduced a Birch Society film that included the information that "World War III began in 1945" when former Army Capt. John Birch was slain in China.

The film included a segment in which the narrator talked about the Communist takeover of various countries at the same time a film clip showed former President Dwight Eisenhower teeing off at golf.

(Birch Society literature has accused Mr. Eisenhower of being part of a Communist plot to seize control of the United States.)

The film also told of strides made through "education" in the society's campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren.

JONES, who now lives in Springfield and devotes full time to his job of organizing Birch Society chapters in central and southern Illinois, described more than a dozen society publications he urged the audience to buy, including a series of pamphlets "we call our 'Impeach Earl Warren packet.'"

He said one book, titled "While You Slept," described Communist infiltration of the mass publications media.

The film was interrupted for a coffee break. Shortly before the break, Jones promoted sales of "The Politician," a

book by Robert Welch, founder of the society, and another society publication "The Blue Book."

Jones said he hoped to open a Birch Society bookstore in Springfield soon. Such stores already have opened in Peoria, Rockford, Decatur and Alton, Ill., as well as four in the Chicago area, he said.

JASPER Gullo, 50, a Springfield lawyer, attended the meeting and said, "I haven't joined the society yet, but I'm giving it some thought."

So did Tim Moreland, 27, a crew-cut business supply salesman, and his brunet wife, Linda. Moreland said, "We're attempting to widen our scope

about what's been happening while we were sleeping."

His wife said, "These are basically average people here. But I shouldn't say average. If they were average, they wouldn't be here."

AFTER the coffee break, the film continued with founder Welch explaining the soci-

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ety's fight against communism and denouncing "the New York Times, Life, Look and other publications" that gave support to the Communist conspiracy.

Welch said communism is "a huge dirty boil on the body of mankind . . . which badly needs to be lanced and drained."

The lights came on, society member Jones told the audience that the men could become members by paying \$2 dues for two months and that women only had to pay \$1.

The audience was invited to buy society publications spread out on a front table. They bought a few books, chatted and departed.

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Birch Society

Denunciations to William F. Buckley Jr. for his Aug. 7 blast against the John Birch Society. I have admired the cogency and logic displayed in his polemics — until now. Now he skillfully excerpts the most pertinent sentences to support his thesis, but ignores voluminous documentation against it.

Thus, by implication, he denies the credibility of thousands of pages of evidence in congressional records and public reports, the irrefutable evidence made by the FBI and even the words and publications of the Communists themselves.

When he levels his rhetorical lance in this manner against his pet dragon, he means not the John Birch Society, but himself. May he appreciate the bipolarity of the salutation.

JOYCE W. RIGGS

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Chicago, Illinois
July 30, 1965

From Monday, June 14, 1965, to Monday, June 28, 1965, the Progressive Student Educational Encampment, a closed group composed almost entirely of Communist Party (CP) youth and run by CP personnel, met at Camp Midvale, Ringwood County, New Jersey. 44

Approximately 80 "youths" took part in the encampment's program, a few of whom were not Communists but would after completion of the two week program be in line for CP membership. Individuals were referred to only by first name and the area they came from. No last names were used. There were some individuals, because of security reasons, who did not use their right names or their real residences. Included in attendance were the following: 44

New York City:

[redacted] (last name unknown), white male, age approximately 21, [redacted]
[redacted] female, [redacted]
[redacted] age approximately 20.
[redacted] white female, approximately 19,
[redacted] male, [redacted]
[redacted] age approximately 22.
[redacted] white female, approximately 17.
[redacted] (phonetic) male, [redacted]
[redacted] approximately 20.
[redacted] white male, approximately 22.

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Philadelphia:

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Pittsburgh:

[redacted] white male approximately 17,
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Connecticut:

[redacted] white male, approximately 26,
[redacted]

[redacted] white male, approximately
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New Jersey:

[redacted] white female, approximately
22, [redacted]
[redacted]

Radcliffe College:

[redacted] and [redacted] both white
female, approximately 21. & u

St. Louis:

[redacted]
An individual referred to as [redacted]
Negro male, approximately 26. [redacted]
[redacted]

Missouri:

[redacted] Negro male, approximately 21,
heavy set, attended Du Bois Club
of Chicago New Year's eve party last
year, which was during the period
he spent working for CORE in
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Minnesota:

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Detroit:

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Chicago:

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University of
Wisconsin at Madison:

[redacted] whose home is in
[redacted]
[redacted] white female, approximately
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University of
Wisconsin at Superior:

[redacted] a resident of
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Los Angeles:

[redacted] white male, approximately 22.

[redacted] approximately 26.

[redacted] white male, approximately 26, tall, [redacted]

[redacted] white male, approximately 24.

[redacted] white male, approximately 24.

[redacted] white male, approximately 22,

San Francisco:

[redacted] white female, approximately 22,

University of
California at
Berkeley:

[redacted] white male, approximately 22.

[redacted] white male, approximately 22,

Washington State:

[redacted] white female, approximately 22, married.

Puerto Rico:

[redacted] male, age approximately late 20s, [redacted]

[redacted] was said to have been resident of Chicago, white male, approximately 20.

Others:

[redacted] works with [redacted]

[redacted] white female, approximately 23.

[redacted] white female, age approximately 21, dark hair, [redacted]

[redacted] white female, approximately 22, [redacted] blonde hair, worn in pony tail.

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[redacted] white female, age approximately 22, dark hair, heavy set, [redacted] Left encampment early to attend Youth Festival. [redacted]

[redacted] in General Study Group 1.
[redacted] in General Study Group 1. 44

Some of these individuals arrived late for the encampment's program as did some of the people from California. Some left early, especially those going to the Youth Festival. Some individuals only participated in a few days of the program as did the individuals from Puerto Rico. 44

The administrators of the encampment included CP leaders [redacted] and [redacted] (white female around 50). The person who appeared to be in a position of assuming final responsibility for the encampment was [redacted] who seemed to make all major decisions in the background while [redacted] assumed responsibility for relations with the encampment members as a member of the administration. [redacted] seemed to handle the details for arrangements insofar as the encampment administrative responsibilities were concerned. 44

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As part of the administration certain individuals comprised a teaching staff of the encampment and acted to organize and put into effect the study program. These teachers changed their assignments in the various study groups during the two week period, staying with one of the four groups an average of three days, although in some cases only one day, in others almost a week. Approximately 15, possibly more, individuals comprised the teaching and lecturing staff, some of whom were: 44

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BETTY GANNETT
[redacted] 44

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
[redacted]
[redacted]

JACK STACHEL
[redacted]

CARL WINTER
[redacted]
[redacted] from [redacted]
[redacted]

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As the youth arrived on June 13 and 14, 1965, they filled out a questionnaire relating to their occupation, political background, political and educational experience, choice of residence this summer and political organizing work, etc. On a basis of the questionnaire and knowledge of the persons by the encampment administration, people were placed into four basic study groups for the duration of the two week program:

General Study Group 1
General Study Group 2
Mass Policy Study Group
Civil Rights Study Group & 4

Each group was to study problems of society along Marxist-Leninist lines. General Groups 1 and 2 were study groups dealing with basics or fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism although individuals were placed in these two groups with substantial backgrounds in Marxist-Leninist ideology. & 4

The Civil Rights Study Group was comprised of individuals who mainly expressed interest in Marxist study of the American civil rights movement or who will be working this summer in some area generally devoted to civil rights activity or who will be doing political work in the South this summer. & 4

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The Mass Policy Study Group was comprised of individuals with backgrounds in Marxism and was more or less an advance study group. & U

Basic curriculum and schedule for the General Study Groups 1 and 2 and more or less the outline for the Mass Policy Study Group was as follows: & U

<u>Date</u>	<u>Curriculum and Schedule</u>
15th - morning	Organization and introduction
15-16th	Dialectical method
16-17th	Classes in the class struggle
17-18th	Capitalist exploitation
18-19th	Imperialism and fight for peace
19-20th	Sunday - day off
20-21st	Fight for democracy
21-22nd	Anti-monopoly struggle
22-23rd	The national question
23-24th	Fight for Negro freedom
24-25th	Youth question
25-26th	The Party-basic concepts
26-27th	The Party-Strategy and tactics
27-28th	The Party-Current problems of work and organization
28th Afternoon and Evening	Evaluation

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In implementing this curriculum, the daily schedule of study included:

9 to 12 Noon	Conference, work from previous day. & U
1 to 2 PM	Introductory lecture and questions given to be answered in the group study. & U
2 to 3:30 PM	Individual study and reading, & U
7:30 to 9:30 PM	Group study. One person in each group to prepare a report to be delivered the next day at the conference. Each study group was broken up into approximately five individuals. & U
9 to 12 Noon	Conference. & U

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There were basically two introductory and orientation lectures, one given by [] and one by []. In addition there were five lectures given in the evenings beginning at 7:30 PM. The first one was on socialism, given by []. The second was on Communist ethics and morality by GUS HALL. the third on leftism and Trotskyism given by [] the fourth on the left movement by CARL WINTER and the fifth on CP history by JACK STACHEL. &4

The schedule of instructors for General Study Group 1 was:

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[] Organization and Introduction
Dialectical Method
Class and the Class Struggle
Capitalist Exploitation

[] (LNU) Imperialism and the Fight for Peace
Fight for Democracy

[] Anti-monopoly Struggle

BETTY GANNETT National Question

[] Fight for Negro Freedom

[] Youth Question

BETTY GANNETT The Party: Basic Concepts
The Party: Strategy and Tactics
The Party: Current problems of work and organization

[] in the organization and introduction section basically defined Marxism as a science, a scientific historical approach. That it was a science of social development and thereby it gives Communists a base for distinguishing their work from others and it acts as a basis for transformation from capitalism to socialism to Communism. &4

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In the dialectical method section, [] first dealt with an explanation of materialism and a materialistic view of man and society. Two basic premises for which include: 1. that the universe consists entirely of material objects including ourselves and exist independently of ourselves; 2. that the material world is comprehensible to ourselves. He defined dialectics and the loss of change insofar as: &u

[]

2. less complex and more complex levels of organization. &u
3. internal contradictions-unity of opposites. &u

One of [] basic points was that dialectical materialism is a basic tool of understanding for Communists, that it gives meaning and method to political work and that much of the succeeding lessons would be based upon a dialectical materialistic view of society, and that all theory, analysis, discussion has one ultimate end: application to political work. &u

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In the section devoted to classes and the class struggle, [] explained class struggle first in terms of "unity of opposites" in everything, in the civil rights struggle, in the peace struggle, in capitalist society. The opposites in capitalist society are mainly the two opposing classes distinguished by their relationships to means of production, mainly the owner of the means of production and the workers of the means of production. Thereby one group lives off the labor of another--the exploiters and the exploited. Therefore capitalism in a class society is one based on economic exploitation. &u

[] then went on to describe the evolution of socio-economic systems to be primitive, slave and feudal society leading to the next societal development--capitalism. The next societal development being socialism and then Communism. The vehicle for capitalism's giving way to socialism is the class struggle, that in capitalist

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society there is a greater and greater polarization and that the class struggle enters into every aspect of capitalistic society. The capitalist wants as much a share of labor's fruit as possible for as little as possible and the worker wants as much as possible for as little work as possible. &u

The main aspect of class struggle are: 1. economic-leads to organization of workers - unions; 2. political fight for labor legislation, democratic rights, struggle for less exploitation and coercion; 3. ideological struggle for ideas. &u

This struggle in every part of capitalist society where the workers and capitalists have no common interest will be the vehicle for progress- the vehicle establishing socialism. One of [] main stresses was in aiding and building class consciousness in every form of political activity that the individuals in the encampment would eventually engage in, that in every movement every worker coming in contact with. This is an eventual objective, but that while working in the various movements there are especially two mistakes that must not be made: 1. getting lost in the movement and 2. getting isolated in the movement. &u

In the capitalist exploitation section of the curriculum [] covers what he describes as the economics of capitalism including commodity production, labor theory of value, exchange value, utility value, surplus value, industrial reserve army, economic cycles, etc. and a recovering of many aspects in the class struggle section. The main emphasis, however, being derived from the base of the labor theory of value and that the worker is not paid for his full day's work, that most of the work is not paid for and goes to the capitalist in the form of surplus value and that the capitalist is constantly revolutionizing the means of production in order to decrease production labor costs and increase surplus value, and therefore the proportion of a day's production increasingly goes to the capitalist and decreasingly goes to the worker. Also the capitalist through the use of the reserve industrial army-- the unemployed--forces wages even further down. &u

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The main point that [] emphasized was that the basic conflict in capitalist society between the two classes is a manifestation of a basic contradiction from within, that capitalism sows the seeds of its own destruction. The basic contradiction being that production is socialized but that the ownership of the means of production is not, therefore resulting in an anarchy of production. One of the most important parts of this section, however, as compared to other sections, was the application of it to the everyday struggles the individual in the encampment will encounter. Insofar as this is concerned, building class consciousness is of primary concern and in doing so it must be remembered that in discussing the working class in addition to what was already learned the working class is the revolutionary class because its interests are always in conflict with that of the capitalist class. This is a true objective condition even if the worker is subjectively not yet aware of it and that just in the everyday process of living the workers' interests contradict that of the capitalist and therefore is not in his interest to socialize the ownership of the means of production. *lu*

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In fighting for socialism there is a difference between fighting for reform and fighting for revolution. But that in fighting for reform what must be shown is that value of limited gain and yet show the limitations (meaning because it is within the confines of the system) and that Communists are interested in the welfare of the people now-not reform-but with the knowledge that it has an effect on the future and that is that it builds the working class movement but at the same time the socialist revolution occurs not with the workers alone but with others seeking removal of society's evils, therefore the necessity of building coalitions with working class in order to gain strength. An example of this: coalition between workers and civil rights fighters. *u*

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[] (LNU) in teaching of the section on imperialism and the fight for peace concentrated on the economics of imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism, continually stressing that the U.S. is a colonialist and especially a neo-colonialist power. & u

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In the fight for democracy section, he defined and stressed the importance of the fight for democracy--that it is the fight for more say in decisions, therefore the anti-monopoly struggle. He continually stressed the importance of fighting for bourgeois democracy, democratic reform as a basis for struggle, building class consciousness, building coalitions, and eventually laying the foundation for struggle for socialism. u

[] in the anti-monopoly struggle section stressed the same basic points as did [] in teaching the previous section and also attacked the idea that in capitalism there can never be a welfare state. [] laid continuous emphasis on the principles involved in state monopoly and related this and the whole anti-monopoly struggle to, and as an integral part of, the fight for democracy--again this being the eventual springboard to the fight for socialism. & u

[] in teaching the national question section laid emphasis on the importance of national liberation struggles around the world, that this would eventually be the turning point for the balance of power. She defined the struggles for independence as anti-colonial and anti-neo-colonial struggles and are all class struggles. Once the struggle is successful, the working class interests come into conflict with the national bourgeoisie' interests to dominate the economy. Then comes the socialist revolution. & u

[] in the section of the curriculum devoted to the fight for Negro freedom referred to the civil rights struggle as not just a Negro question but a national question, and that it was this issue that sparked

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a whole resurgence of youth (in struggles) across the country. [] singled out the most important thing in the fight for civil rights as a laying of foundations in mass struggle in Negro-labor, Negro-white unity, and in working class unity. Also [] in referring to these various groups and organizations involved in the civil rights struggle referred to the Du Bois Clubs as being more or less the legal arm of the CP. &u

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[] in the youth question section emphasized the resurgence of youth in struggles and the need for youth in these struggles to work hand in hand with the older generation, thereby strengthening the movements and providing a continuing of struggle.

[] also concentrated on Democratic Youth Unity--a class concept involving the unity of all youth of working class, of unemployed, of Negro and white, of farmers, of students--of all youth against monopoly, and thereby building and strengthening Marxist analysis.

[] stressed this is done on bread and butter issues. &u

In the section on The Party; Basic Concepts, GANNETT described the Party as the organization of organization. The higher command the highest form of organization--the brain, that it is the integral part of the working class but it is also the vanguard. She described communists as social engineers working toward a scientific reorganization of society and communists in their work provide leadership for struggle and inspire cadre from working class. &u

This source was not present at the last two sessions devoted to the Party because of other responsibilities delegated to him by the encampment administration. However, in discussing the last two lectures with those who attended and because of the emphasis in common to each lecture, the basic objectives and approaches--strategy and tactics of CP work as brought out in the encampment are manifested in the following. &u

The means by which capitalism will give way to socialism is the class struggle which enters into every

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aspect of capitalistic society. The CP people acting as members of the vanguard party must work in the various struggles; work to eventually strengthen the anti-monopoly, anti-imperialist sections; work to build coalitions to strengthen the movement; work to unite all the movements into one common struggle--for socialism. In doing so the Communists must work in the struggles for bourgeois democratic reform, civil rights, peace, unions, jobs, etc. thereby fighting for reform in order to fight for revolution. All areas of struggle must be in relation to building coalitions and alliances with the working class--the only revolutionary class, the class that will help to eventually build socialism. Youth have a significant role to play in this struggle although not working as a revolutionary force in themselves. *fu*

Near the end of the two week session at the encampment, groups met according to the location in which they would work for the summer project. The group which will be working in Chicago includes: [redacted] alias [redacted] from Los Angeles; [redacted] from Philadelphia who is a student at the University of Wisconsin; [redacted] who is a student at Superior, Wisconsin; [redacted] and [redacted] all from Chicago; [redacted] from Berkeley; [redacted] (LNU) from Connecticut. The decision as to location of these individuals was made by the encampment administration on the basis of knowledge of the people and the questionnaire filled out at the beginning of the session. *fu*

Aside from the individuals assigned to the basic city areas of concentration, the individuals assigned to work in their own home areas, the individuals assigned to work in civil rights in the South, and the individuals going to the youth festival, a few other assignments were given to individuals personally as the assignment of [redacted] from California, a student at Berkeley, to work in Washington reporting on a conference taking place there during the summer. *fu*

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Some of the individuals in the encampment discussed some of their past assignments, some of which included [] (LNU) from Radcliff working in SDS; [] (LNU) from California working in the Young Democrats there; [] working with college students and also infiltrating the John Birch Society. & 4

Insofar as possibility for a socialist revolution and how it would come, it seemed as though the consensus of the youth attending the encampment was that the possibility of revolution by force could not be entirely ruled out. In the formal class room sessions the socialist revolution was discussed in terms almost of evolution and building coalitions and movements and gaining strength, etc. But in informal discussion the youth would raise the possibility of force, for example [] from Connecticut, talking in terms of the need for everybody in the encampment receiving training in guerilla warfare tactics. [] from Radcliff thought that the only way for the revolution to come was eventually by force. [] instructor at the encampment, in answering an informal question put to him by [] from Los Angeles about the possibility of a peaceful revolution, stated that there was no definite answer to that question. & 4

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During the course of the two weeks at the encampment the administration continually stressed the need for propriety insofar as "alcohol and woman-man relations" because there were outside forces waiting to use anything they could against the encampment. However, there were numerous violations. & 4

Near the end of the sessions the newspapers learned of the encampment's existence and some reporters were sent there for a story. In view of this, certain security precautions were taken at the encampment by the administration. The male youths were taken off other assignments at the encampment and placed on guard duty, two to a shift, at various strategic locations. Any suspicious individuals encountered were to be taken to [] & 4

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In addition, especially every week end when various outside groups visited the camp grounds it was directed by the administration that no questions were to be answered by anyone as to the camp, the sessions, the people or anything else, and none of the written materials were to be left unguarded or taken out of certain "safe locations." *24*

Reading assignments for the classes were given in relation to basic Marxist-Leninist materials in the encampment. Most of these materials were given to individuals at the end of the session to take home and amounted to about \$25 to \$30 worth of books and pamphlets. *24*

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS



STATE HIGHWAY POLICE
WILLIAM H. MORRIS
SUPERINTENDENT

September 10, 1965

Mr. Marlin W. Johnson
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Marlin:

Our crime section agents have received some information from an informant reference the John Birch Society. I do not know whether or not your intelligence division is interested in such information but I will pass it on to you for your disposition.

Two meetings are scheduled for this society, the first being September 11, 1965, at Glencoe, exact location unknown. Time scheduled for 1:00PM. Topic of the meeting is to be luncheon, garden, beach and auction party. The second such meeting is scheduled for September 16, 1965, at Flick Reedy Hall, located one mile south of Devon Avenue on York Road in Bensenville. This meeting is scheduled for 8:00 PM and the topic to be discussed is "Help Support Your Local Police". Hope this information can be of some use to you.

In addition to the above information I call your attention to our previous problem of 10-28's, via our State Police radio station at Irving and Harlem. We have kept a close running check on these since our conversation of two months ago and I am happy to inform you that we have had a total of fifty-four 10-28's dating from June 22 through August 3. We feel that this number is decreased to the point now of where it is not an administrative problem for us and we are most happy to continue this service for your department.

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Looking forward to our next meeting, I remain

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Illinois State Highway Police
District Three
477 Des Plaines
Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge your recent letter of September 10, 1965, in which you made certain information available to this office. Your interest in providing same is indeed appreciated.

I was pleased to note that our previous problem of 10-28's has been alleviated and that we will continue to be able to use this service. Rest assured that I will continue to follow this matter to insure that we do not have a problem again in the future. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

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I will be looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Very truly yours,

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 8/19/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

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On 8/19/65, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] contacted the reporting agent and advised that he had in the recent past applied for membership in the John Birch Society. He stated that he had received literature from the organization and was in his opinion definitely anti-American. He stated that he wished to do something for the United States in combatting this organization. The caller was told that if there was any way his services could be utilized he would be contacted, however no indication was given that his services would be used.

The above is for information and action as deemed advisable.

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Birch Society Keeps Its 'Door' Open

BY JAMES BLAKELY

"THE NO-1 QUESTION people always ask us is, 'Did you guys call Eisenhower a Communist?' And we have to explain that we did not and reconstruct the story that led to this smear."

I asked Morrison.

The former air force pilot and native of Highland Park replied: "We're more than happy to cooperate in telling our story to those individuals and groups who sincerely want to learn about our organization."

For clubs and large groups, Morrison said he has available, on a limited basis, films, tape recordings, film strips, and speakers. Calls for programs have been running at "one or two" a week, he said.

"We have basically two types of presentations," Morrison explained. "One is a preliminary one that lasts for about an hour and a half. It sketches the basics of J. B. S."

"It consists of a presentation by a speaker, showing of a 30-minute film speech by founder Robert Welch that he gave to the Chicago Executives' club in 1962, and a question and answer session."

"For those who are interested in expanded information, we have a three-hour presentation. Also about six times a year, Welch conducts two-day sessions of seven hours a day which outline the complete picture."

MORRISON said that, because of shortage of speakers, J. B. S. workers attempt to channel efforts to those groups "who sincerely want to know about the communist conspiracy" as opposed to mere curiosity seekers.

"Some groups call us up for speeches just to see if we have horns," Morrison quipped.

I asked what were typical questions following presentation. Said Morrison:

"Most are always the same. The one about Ike is always asked. Another one is, 'You Birchers are always against everything. Don't you have a positive program?'"

"We point out that being against things is not in itself bad, as 9 out of the 10 commandments are negative prohibitions, and a lot of people feel they make up a pretty good program, including myself."

"We also tell them we do have a positive program. Briefly stated it is: less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world."

"We also clear up mistaken ideas that we are a military organization or are connected with the Minutemen or other groups that support the use of force. We believe education is the only way to win."

"If we had to resort to guerrilla warfare, then we've had it, haven't we?"

"PEOPLE ALSO charge in their questions that J. B. S. is anti-Semitic, which we point out is simply not true. Proof?"

"We have a Jewish chapter leader in Elgin and many Jewish people in chapters in Chicago and thruout the nation. In fact, we dropped a chapter in California when we learned that some of its members were disseminating anti-Semitic literature."

Individuals who wish to

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MY OBJECTIVE? To find out how hard it is for the public to "get to the facts."

learn about J. B. S. aims are encouraged to visit one of five American Opinion libraries in the Chicago area, as well as any of the 230 such libraries and reading rooms thruout the United States.

The libraries, operated by local chapter members on a not-for-profit basis, contain copies of all material published by the society. Some material is free but most is for sale to meet library expenses at prices of 10 cents to \$5.

Locations in the Chicago area are: 5696 Ridge av.; 1419 Waukegan rd., Glenview; 7777 Lake st., River Forest; 2043 Ridge, Homewood; and 8 S. Park, Lombard. More are expected to open soon, according to Morrison.

I ASKED HIM to cover some of the most important society issues and topics today. He ticked off these topics in order of importance:

1. Recruiting. He added that an "executive" membership drive is going on thruout the nation and that the January membership increase in Chicago doubled the same month's increase over 1964.

2. To impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

3. Get the United States out of the United Nations.

4. Opposition to civil rights movements. Morrison said J. B. S. considers the civil rights movement communist-dominated. "It clearly has dedicated, sincere, patriotic Americans in its ranks, but that segment has been taken over by the Communists," he added.

5. Support of the following: the Liberty amendment, local police, American Opinion [the

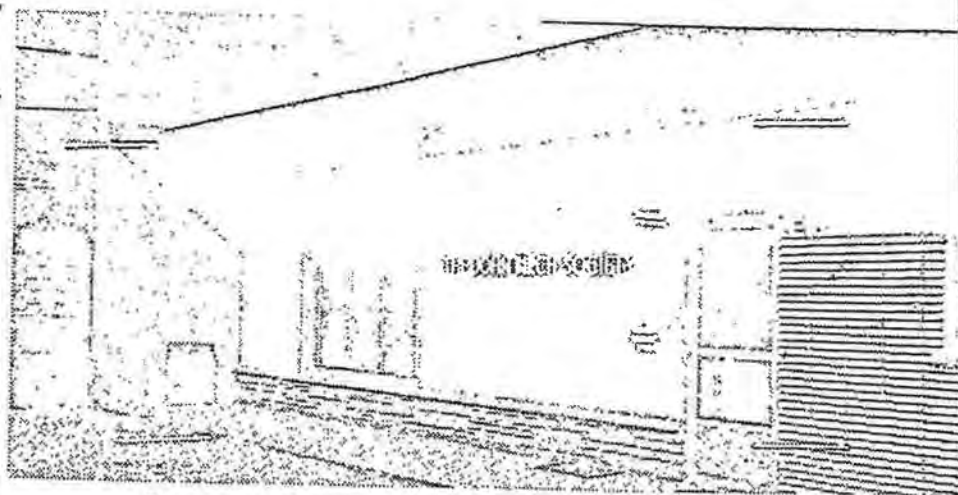
J. B. S. monthly magazine], American Opinion libraries, speakers bureau, study groups, and just "being a good citizen."

Membership is by application to the society's headquarters, Belmont, Mass. 02178. Yearly dues are \$24 for men and \$12 for women. Life membership is \$1,000.

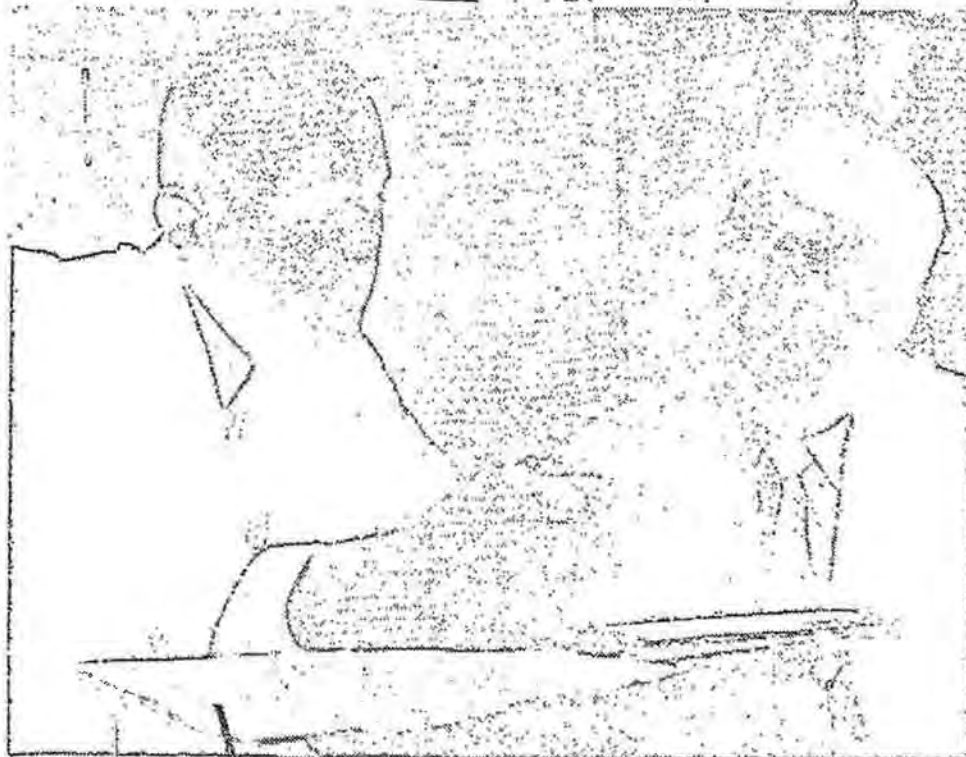


READING ROOM in American Opinion library in Glenview shows wide variety of society literature available.

Anti-Communist Group Invites Queries by Any Interested Parties—and Sincere Critics, Too



Exterior of John Birch Society office in Glenview is simple



PLANNING EXPANSION of society in midwest, Roger B. Morrison [left], midwest public relations manager, and Robert J. Koenig, midwest director, discuss meetings scheduled and programs required. Pre-

liminary and more extensive discussions are offered individuals and organizations interested in learning more about the society.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 9/2/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

At 10:30 a.m., September 2, 1965, [REDACTED] City News Bureau, telephonically advised that captioned society is scheduled to give a presentation on Wednesday, September 8, 1965, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Another presentation is scheduled for September 17, 1965, at 8:00 p.m., at the residence of [REDACTED] advised the above was being furnished for the information of this office. Appreciation was expressed to [REDACTED] for calling this office.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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On 9/15/65 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] telephonically
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He is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He had recently
been approached by a representative of the John Birch
Society who was interested in renting the American Legion
Hall in Peru.

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No advice was given to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] requested that he be contacted by a Special
Agent in person.

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Birchers Open Office In Capital

BY ROBERT S. BOYD
Chicago Daily News Service

WASHINGTON—The John Birch Society opened its Washington office Friday by serving lime punch, cream cheese sandwiches, and charges of high treason.

Reed A. Benson, the slight, soft-spoken Washington representative of the anti-Communist Birch Society, told newsmen:

"Our government has been engaging in acts that give aid and comfort to the enemy, which under the definition of the Constitution is treason."

His brow furrowed earnestly, the 37-year-old son of former Agriculture Sec. Ezra Taft Benson, cited U.S. sales of wheat to Russia, construction of a steel plant in Poland, and cultural exchanges with Communist artists and scientists as evidences of official treason.

"If anyone had suggested doing such things with Adolf Hitler during World War II, he'd have been carted off to the insane asylum or made to stand trial for treason," said Benson.

BENSON didn't go so far as his boss, Birch president Robert Welch, who once accused Dwight Eisenhower of being a "conscious agent" of the Communist conspiracy.

"I can't judge Lyndon Johnson's motives," Benson said. "It could be ignorance—it could be worse. But I can see the tragic consequences of his acts."

The new office is the fifth the Birch Society has opened away from its national headquarters in Belmont, Mass. Others are in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Houston.



REED A. BENSON
Opens John Birch office.

It occupies three small rooms on the 10th floor of a moderately plush office building on fashionable Connecticut Avenue.

Benson jokes about the fact that the United Nations—an old Birch Society target—occupies three suites of offices in the same building.

He said three other buildings had refused to rent him space.

THE BIRCH office decor is largely given over to pictures of stage coaches and covered wagons, framed copies of the

Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, a hand-stitched sampler with the motto, "In God We Trust," and a huge, carved American eagle flanked by two white candles.

One of the three rooms is stacked with books: Birch Society pamphlets, its gospel, "The Blue Book"; Welch's famous attack on Eisenhower, "The Politician"; reprints of speeches and articles of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy and other conservative heroes.

Copies of George Orwell's foreboding novel of the future, "1984," were prominently displayed.

"WE TRIED to get '1776' for our telephone number," Benson said with a little smile, "but the Daughters of the American Revolution already had it. So we settled for 659-1984 in honor of Orwell."

Benson and his assistant, Robert W. Lee, a 28-year-old businessman from Salt Lake City, are the only paid workers in the Washington office.

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Open Birch Office with Rap at LBJ

WASHINGTON [UPI] — The John Birch society opened a Washington office today with a charge that President Johnson was giving aid and comfort to Communists.

Reed Benson, Washington representative of the society, suggested that sending wheat to the Soviet Union and United States financing of a steel mill in communist Poland amounted to treason.

During an exchange with reporters, Benson stopped short of calling Johnson a traitor. But he said the President was leading the nation down the road to "insolvency, surrender and socialism."

A reporter asked Benson if he thought Johnson had committed treasonable acts and he replied in part: "The Constitution defines treason as giving aid and comfort to the enemy. What do you call it? I believe we are giving aid and comfort to the enemy. Unfortunately, treason has been prospering and none dare call it that."

Benson said if anyone advocated sending wheat to Hitler during World War II or building steel mills for Nazi Germany, he would have been labeled a traitor.

"Today we are fighting an enemy that makes Hitler look like peanuts," he said.

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Birch Society Hints Treason by President

Washington, Sept. 17 [UPI]—The ultra-conservative John Birch society opened its Washington headquarters today with a suggestion that President Johnson's dealings with Communists amounted to treason.

Reed Benson, head of the society's new office, only six blocks from the White House, told newsmen over punch and



Benson

cookies that the President was leading the nation toward "insolvency, surrender, and socialism."

The 37-year-old son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson singled out United States wheat sales to the Soviet Union and construction of industrial plants behind the iron curtain with American aid funds.

Benson said he did not know what motivated Johnson's actions but that he was familiar with the consequences.

The White House had no comment.

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Birchers Open Capital Office, Rip Johnson



Reed A. Benson, Washington representative of the John Birch Society, opens the society's Washington (D.C.) office with a charge against President Johnson.

By Willard Clopton

Washington Post Special

WASHINGTON—The John Birch Society mixed a hard line with a soft sell as it opened its Washington office Friday.

Cookies, limeade and talk of presidential treason were served up during a four-hour open house at the society's new regional headquarters, a three-room suite here.

Reed A. Benson, the society's new man in Washington, made a jolly occasion of it, except when he was asked what he thought of President Johnson.

Talks of Treason

He answered that, in his opinion, administration policies "are leading the nation down the road of insolvency and surrender" and "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

This country, he said, is supplying Communist countries with wheat, sends them foreign aid money, engages in cultural exchanges with them and

builds steel mills for them. It all comes "under the category of treason," he charged.

But Benson was all smiles as he told about such things as the trouble the society had had getting accepted as a tenant in a Washington office building. At least three building owners signed lease agreements with the society and then reneged on them, he said.

"There was some suggestion that we use the civil rights act to get in, but since we opposed the law we decided not to," he said.

Houses UN Units

The La Salle building, which admitted the society, is a "quite cosmopolitan" structure, he observed, since it houses several outposts of the United Nations, an organization which the society wants evicted from the United States.

Benson, 37, is the son of Ezra Taft Benson, who was President Dwight D. Eisenhower's secretary of agriculture. A former Air Force chap-

lain and Mormon missionary, the younger Benson has been preaching the Birch gospel for several years.

The new office will be a base for his speechmaking tours and will give him a point of contact with Congress and the Washington press corps, he said.

The society is growing steadily and now has between 80,000 and 100,000 members, he stated. The office here becomes the fifth regional headquarters, the others being in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and White Plains, N.Y.

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Young GOP Warned Of Bircher Threat

Cordell J. Overgaard, president of the Evanston Young Republicans, said Friday that John Birchers are attempting to take control of his organization.

"This poses a clear and present danger not only to the club itself, but to the entire Republican Party in Evanston," he declared in the organization's monthly newsletter.

The Birch Society would "substitute a non-thinking approach" to political issues, Overgaard charged.

HE SAID THE secrecy of the organization makes its strength difficult to determine but that his investigation indicates it is "substantial" in the Evanston Young Republican movement.

The militancy and dedi-

cation of the Birch members, coupled with the apathy of Republicans generally, have enabled them in the past to exercise influence far out of proportion to their number," Overgaard said.

The Evanston club has more than 400 members and is one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest.

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'FERTIL TO NATION, UNIONS'

State Labor Director Blasts Far-Rightists

BY DON HARRIS
(Staff Writer)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — John E. Cullerton, state director of labor, has delivered a blistering attack on right-wing organizations, including the John Birch society.

Cullerton told 2,000 delegates to the 8th annual Illinois state AFL-CIO convention here yesterday that the far right movement "constitutes a clear danger to our society in general and to the trade unions in particular."

Asks for Committee

He urged the federation to form a committee for the public interest to work with other groups "in challenging these rightist organizations, in keeping track of and exposing their activities, in securing legislation to require such organizations to account for their contributions and expenses, just as trade unions must account for their finances."

Anyone who disagrees with the policies of far right-wing groups is, in the view of those groups, "a Communist, a communist dupe, a fellow traveler, or a member of some other

communist-inspired evil conspiracy," Cullerton said.

In addition to the Birch society Cullerton named as far right organizations the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, the Christian Crusade, the National Education Program, the Lifeline Foundation, the Church League of America, We the People, and For America.

\$14 Million a Year

"There are more than 500 such organizations," Cullerton said, "and they raise and spend, according to authorities, \$14 million dollars a year in pouring out their poison into the public ear."

"They all pose as being organized and devoted to fighting communism, but they all end up fighting what Americanism truly represents, under their flag-waving disguise."

Gov. Kerner, in a speech prepared for delivery before the convention today, said Illinois, with an unemployment average of 2.9 per cent for August, now has substantially full employment. Kerner said a year ago the average was 3.4 per cent.

"There are no economic storm clouds in Illinois today," he said.

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Republicans Bar Birch Society

BY WILLARD EDWARDS
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, Sept. 30—Republican leaders of Congress united today in rejecting attempts by the John Birch society to control the selection of G. O. P. candidates in next year's elections.

They were particularly irked, it was learned, by a campaign to defeat Sen. Karl Mundt (R., S. D.), one of the most respected veterans in the Senate, who is being opposed for re-election by Richard Murphy, Sioux Falls lawyer, an announced organizer for the society.

Sen. Dirksen (Ill.), Senate minority leader, and Rep. Gerald R. Ford (Mich.), House minority leader, joined Sen. Thurston B. Morton (Ky.), chairman of the Senate G. O. P. campaign committee, in denouncing infiltration of the Republican party by Birch society members.

Democrats Members, Too

The society is an organization with conservative and patriotic aims, which has conducted most of its operations in secret in the past. Its leader, Robert Welch, has interpreted the records of such men as former President Eisenhower and the late John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, as helpful to communism.

The Republican leaders, noting that the Birch society has as many Democratic members as Republican, if not more, voiced a suspicion that "invasion at the precinct level" by the organization was not designed to be helpful to their party in the 1968 elections.

"The Birch society is not a part of the Republican party," said Dirksen. "It never was



(AP Wirephoto)

Rep. Ford (left) and Sen. Dirksen at news conference in Washington.

and it never will be. There is no place in the American political scheme for an organization operating in secret like the Know-nothings of Lincoln's day.

No Place for It in Party

"It is rather curious that former Gen. Edwin A. Walker [who resigned from the army and later echoed Welch's charges against Eisenhower

and Dulles] ran for office on the Democratic ticket, not the Republican ticket, in Texas."

Ford said that the Republican legislative record on the civil rights bills of 1964 and 1965 conflicted with the views of the Birch society.

"There is no place in our party for a monolithic organization that takes its orders from the top," he said.

The two leaders did not endorse the opinion of Morton that the Birch society was "as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist party."

Discount Society's Influence

In response to this charge, former Rep. John Rousselot of California, the society's public relations director, said that "all Morton has to do is to ask J. Edgar Hoover [director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation] to learn that the John Birch society is in no way similar to the Ku Klux Klan or the Communist party."

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On ^{Sept.} ~~Sept.~~ 23, 1965, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised as follows:

Recently he received a telephone call from a person representing himself as a member of captioned organization and wanted to use the American Legion Hall, Peru, Illinois, rent free, for a meeting. The caller, who refused to identify himself, was advised that the hall could not be given out without approval of the members of the past.

The caller said that previous meetings had been held at the Holiday Inn, Peru, Illinois, and that he would invite [REDACTED] to a meeting on some future date.

[REDACTED] said he expects to hear from this person again and volunteered to call the FBI and furnish information of value.

[REDACTED] was told no advice could be given him in this matter and that any information he furnished would be strictly voluntary.

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~~GOP Group~~ Fires Bircher As Its Editor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The editor of a newsletter published by Washington Young Republicans has been ousted because he is a member of the John Birch Society.

The unpaid editor and his boss confirmed the move Saturday. It came amid a barrage of GOP criticism aimed at the society.

Mrs. Fran Westner of Greenbelt, Md., secretary of the District of Columbia Young Republicans, said she gave George H. Miller Jr. a letter Thursday night, telling him he was through as editor of the newsletter.

"Because of your past and or present involvement with the John Birch Society," she wrote, "I feel the interests of the Republican Party and the District of Columbia Young Republicans are not being served to the best advantage."

Miller, 32, a part-time law student at Catholic University, confirmed in an interview that he is a member of the Birch Society. Miller said he joined in January, 1962, and it has never been a secret.

Mrs. Westner said she knew of Miller's Birch Society membership. "But I needed someone who knew how to do the job," she said.

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MORTON AIMS NEW BLAST AT BIRCH SOCIETY

Rips Secret Character Assassin Groups

Washington, Oct. 1 (AP)—Sen. Thurston B. Morton (R., Ky.) renewed his attack on the John Birch society today, saying there is no room in the Republican party for what he termed "a clandestine organization engaged in character assassination."

In a statement, Morton repeated some of the views he had stated in an interview. He said "there are three organizations in this country which give me grave doubts as a citizen: The Communist party, the Klu Klux Klan and the John Birch society."

"As a partisan Republican, I am concerned by the fact that the John Birch society has picked my party—the Republican party—as the vehicle to promulgate its nonolithic philosophy," he said.

Dedicated to G. O. P. Defeat
"In so doing, this group seems more dedicated to the defeat of Republicans than Democrats."

Morton said he is not disturbed by secrecy in such things as college fraternities and societies. "On the other hand," he said, "when a politically activist group operates under the cloak of secrecy, I am disturbed."

Morton's original comments set off a torrent of G. O. P. criticism of the militantly conservative Birch society. Party leaders including Sen. Dirksen (Ill.), and Senate leader, Republican Barry Goldwater, 1964 G. O. P. Presidential nominee, said it should be kept out of the G. O. P.

No Room for Birchites

The Kentucky Republican, who heads his party's senatorial campaign committee, noted criticism by the Birch society of former President Eisenhower, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Goldwater, and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

"In my book," he said, "these men are great Americans. I don't think we have any room in the Republican party for a clandestine organization engaged in character assassination."

"If representative government is to prevail," Morton said, "it must prevail in the open. Secret societies motivated by hatred, distrust, selfishness, and character assassination will never build a positive and dynamic society."

Morton said he has always agreed with Goldwater "that there are probably more Democrats than Republicans in the John Birch society."

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New Signs Of Birch Activity

SEN. THRUSTON B. MORTON'S attack on the John Birch Society and his pledged intention to purge the society from the GOP is breaking out on the local front.

The Evanston Young Republican Club declares in its publication that the "magnitude of the John Birch Society's presence in the YR is substantial."

"Control of the Evanston YR by persons who endorse the beliefs of the John Birch Society is unthinkable," writes Evanston YR president Cordell J. Overgaard.

As Overgaard sees it, it is a question of responsible Republicans versus the irresponsibles."

This writer on a recent preliminary Downstate investigating trip saw and heard evidences of increased John Birch Society activity. More signs, obviously new ones made of fresh lumber and professionally painted plead, "Impeach Earl Warren." One sign, interestingly, showed that someone not agreeing with this sentiment had tried, not with total success, to obliterate the name of the Supreme Court chief with a smear of green paint.

IN THE GALESBURG AREA, there is new John Birch activity with frequent meetings and leaders "questioning the Americanism" of persons who presume to oppose or even criticize Birch society activity.

Politically, the most important thing to consider is whether this Birch activity will split Republican Party strength.

Considering this possibility, Republicans wishfully counter with "but the society is in the Democratic Party also."

However, it is a fact that the Birch activity is greatest, and even flourishing in downstate Republican areas and is strongest in the most staunchly GOP areas with Winnebago County (Rockford) being a prime example.

It just may be that, in any efforts of the party to rid itself of the Birchers, things are going to get worse for the GOP in Illinois before they get better.

Just as the party's purging of the West Side Bloc undoubtedly hurt it in the 1964 elections, so the Birch purge could damage it in the 1966 voting.

"In my judgment," writes Overgaard in the Evanston YR publication, "the possibility that the John Birch Society will take control of the workings of the Evanston Young Republicans Club poses a clear and present danger not only to the

club itself but to the entire Republican Party in Evanston."

JUST AS THE PARTY compulsively fought the bloc, whose leadership is undoubtedly in the GOP while members of the bloc can be found in the Democratic Party, it must now compulsively battle the John Birch Society, most of whose members are Republican conservatives but exaggeratedly so.

From the above-quoted paragraph it is evident there is real fear in the Republican Party and that it must even risk losing elections in the immediate future to fight the long-range possibility that the Birchers will take over the Republican Party and, through it, the country.

You know, some of the darndest things can happen to the Republican Party to supplement its own built-in perfect sense of error and compound its difficulties.



Sign near Galesburg, Ill.

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Romney Plea: Expel Birchers

Michigan Gov. George Romney has come out in favor of the Republican Party expelling known John Birch Society members who try to use the GOP for Birch purposes.

Romney, here to address the 47th annual meeting of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce at the Palmer House, said the future of the party depends on repudiating the Birch Society as an organization.

"I know the society uses infiltration, subversion and secrecy—tactics we associated with communism," Romney told a press conference before his speech.

"All members of the society aren't responsible for these tactics, but those who are should not be permitted to participate in Republican Party activities."

ROMNEY said he had received no advance word earlier this week that Sen. Thurston B. Morton (R-Ky.) was planning to charge the Birch Society with infiltrating the GOP.

Morton's denunciation touched off a round of attacks on the society by leading Republicans, including Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.).

Romney said Birchers make up only a small percentage of the GOP in Michigan, "and I believe it's the same nation-

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Birch Chief Bars 'Steal' Of GOP

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Robert Welch, founder and president of the John Birch Society, contends the United States not only is "one vast insane asylum but they're letting the worst patients run the place."

The former Boston business executive charged the civil rights movement is run by Communists, said new immigration legislation will allow "unmeasured floods" of Communists to enter the country.

Welch's appearance here was sponsored by local Birch Society chapters, whose membership could not be determined.

Welch brushed aside charges that the Birch Society is trying to infiltrate and "steal the GOP." "This is utterly ridiculous because we're not interested in petty larceny," he said.

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Birch Bid in GOP Denied by Sheehan

BY CHARLES

Daily News Political Writer

Timothy P. Sheehan, GOP county chairman, said Saturday he could "find no evidence" that the John Birch Society had made any inroads into the Republican county organization.

The issue was raised by Cordell J. Overgaard, president of the Evanston Young Republicans, who charged in his monthly newsletter that the Birchers were seeking to take control of his YR club, one of the largest in the Midwest.

"I've talked to a number of members of the Evanston organization who find no evidence to back this charge," Sheehan said.

"I've also checked in the Glenview area and other places where the Birchers are supposed to be strong, but I find no evidence that they are exerting any influence on the Republican Party."

"There is absolutely no evidence that any of our party leaders here are Birchers. As a matter of fact, the Birchers are being soundly condemned by everyone, including our most conservative members."

Sheehan said he and other party officials were on the alert for Bircher infiltration.

"I know two Birchers in my 41st Ward and both of them are Democrats," Sheehan said. "I think they and other Birchers are attempting to work independent of the two major political parties."

SHEEHAN said he would attend a meeting of the executive committee of the GOP

County Chairmen's Assn. Tuesday at the Orlando Hotel, Decatur. The committee will discuss a January statewide convention to hear candidates for U.S. senator and other posts.

On Oct. 15 Sheehan is convening the 30 township committeemen to discuss this plan and other party business. Wards 1 through 25 will meet Oct. 18 and the remaining Chicago wards Oct. 19, he said.

County headquarters were moved Friday from 211 W. Wacker to the Engineering Building, one door east.

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THE REPUBLICAN DRIVE AGAINST the John Birch Society manifested itself in Washington with the ouster of a Bircher from a position of influence in the District of Columbia Young Republican Club. George H. Miller Jr., an admitted member of JBS, was fired as editor of the D.C. club's publication. The move by the D.C. Young Republicans is in keeping with the recent anti-Birch comments by Senators Everett Dirksen, Thruston Morton, Thomas Kuchel and, on our TV show Saturday, Gov. George Romney of Michigan.

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Sheehan Plays Cool On Birch Maneuvers

PROTESTS BY COOK COUNTY Chairman Timothy P. Sheehan that the John Birch Society is not making inroads on the GOP find him out of step with his major party leaders.

Sheehan could be right but, in any event, it is currently "in" for Republicans nationally and locally to be alarmed over this supposed concerted Birch Society attempt to take over the Republican Party.

Certainly the vogue became firmly seated when such party luminaries as Sen. Thruston B. Morton (R-Ky.) and Michigan Gov. George Romney decided suddenly and almost coincidentally to hit the news media with their twin bursts of fear.



SHEEHAN

It is possible that Chairman Sheehan is simply following the theory that a Republican mustn't find anything wrong with his party, namely, in this instance, an implicit admission that the Republican Party is so weak that the Birch folks could take it over.

But Sheehan's denials of big Birch activity constitute with the Morton and Romney outbursts another typical Republican situation. Republican leaders simply can't pull together.

IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE that Sheehan is right. If he is incorrect as to the facts, it still is possible that he is right as a Republican leader in denying the takeover charges.

Certainly it does not make the party look too good if it has been decided by the Birchers that the GOP supplies the best medium for them to use in their programs of character assassination in the name of Americanism.

The Morton and Romney statements, however worthy at their bases, certainly do not make good public relations for the Republican Party. Tactically, it would seem that the Sheehan strategy is best for the party.

But the fact remains that what Morton and Romney have said, plus the local charges by Evanston Young Republican president Cordell J. Overgaard, are convincing.

THIS WRITER'S DOWNSTATE TRAVELS in the past week definitely revealed growing Birch organizational effort. Encountered were numerous instances in which Birchers tangled with anti-Birchers, with the Birchers challenging the unbelievers' Americanism.

This new activity is a fact Downstate and, while we have not checked Cook County Republican suburbia, if Republican areas Downstate are Birch-infested, similarly constituted areas in Cook County peopled with the same kind of population might well be also.

So, on this issue, the Republican Party leadership is shaping up in its customary fashion and is pulling two ways.

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GOP Boots the Birchers

Sooner or later the Republican Party had to shake itself violently loose from the leech-like grip of the John Birch Society. We are glad the effort is being made now, well in advance of both the 1966 congressional elections and the 1968 presidential contest. As Senate Republican leader Dirksen said of the Birchers: "They are not a part of the Republican Party; they never have been and they never will be."

The Republican Party must, by its nature as a contender for national dominance, embrace a broad range of viewpoints. Conservatives like Sen. Goldwater and liberals like Michigan's Gov. Romney and New York's Rep. Lindsay can find ample common ground under the party canopy.

But a secret society that feeds on fear and prejudice, that ascribes treason to Gen.

Eisenhower and subversive intent to the Parent-Teacher Assn. is an affront to reasonable men of all persuasions and a millstone to whatever party it latches onto.

As long as only a scattering of Republicans were bold enough to speak out against this extremist fringe, it could hope for sanctuary in the GOP, as a cover under which to pursue its frantic ends.

But the list of castigators has now swollen from a few liberals to include conservative and moderate stalwarts of the party — Dirksen, House Minority Leader Ford, Sen. Saltonstall of Massachusetts, and the chairman of the Senate Campaign Committee, Sen. Morton of Kentucky.

Few — except Birchers — will challenge these men's dedication to the best interests of the Republican Party.

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Of Check, Balance, Birchers

Our government is founded upon a system of checks and balances. If one branch goes berserk, one or both of the other two branches check it. We have also developed the same system in the election of our public officials. If one party goes too far, the other is likely to take over.

But it has been obvious since last fall's election that the two-party system in the United States is in peril. The Democrats are so strong that it would take a mighty upheaval to dislodge them. The Republicans are so weak that it might take a miracle to make the party more than a paper elephant. It is time now to start rebuilding. But how?

Sen. Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky, chairman of the Senate Republican campaign committee, is a courtly gentleman, but he will not be pushed. He spoke out the other day in a fashion that might serve if not to settle the issue, at least to define it and set it up for action. The John Birch Society, he said, is "as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party"; there is no place for it in the Republican Party.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) spoke with the same heartening bluntness some time ago about the entire lunatic fringe in his state—it is a "fanatical, neo-fascist political cult, overcome by a strange mixture of corrosive hatred and sickening fear." But then the senator disappointed many by announcing that he would not be a candidate for governor in next year's election.

We need, obviously, those who will not only speak out but will stay and fight. Morton has spoken so plainly that it would seem he cannot run away now, even if he wants to, and the response to his statement was encouraging. The two Republi-

can congressional leaders—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan—agreed with him.

"In the American political scheme," Dirksen said, "I do not believe there is any place for any organization that operates on a secret basis to achieve its goals."

Another influential Republican senator, Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, said: "The control, the leadership and the membership of the Republican Party cannot and will not be turned over to any secret organization. So far as I know, the John Birch Society is a secret organization."

The Republican Party is now weak and divided. It can heal and strengthen itself only by throwing off the infection of extremism that permeated its body last year. Let us hope that it is not too late for that healing process to make the party once more the effective check and balance of the Democrats.

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ON THE LEVEL WITH LEAVELL

By BALM L. LEAVELL, JR.

Bobby Kennedy may have been underinformed when he called the Birch Society a joke a few years ago.

It's not funny at all in the light of evidence by the Council for Civic Responsibility — an organization headed by Dr. Arthur Larson, former director of the U. S. Information Agency and member of the Eisenhower Administration.



What Dr. Larson and the Council have found after investigation are linked directly to the John Birch Society through top officers of principal financial authority of each organization.

What has been found also is that the interlocking directorate provided all extremist groups with "coordinated policy and impact" in carrying out their program.

Some of the more aggressive of these groups, their activities and their ties to the John Birch Society are detailed by the Council as follows:

Americans for Constitutional Action

Program: a political action group dedicated to electing and reelecting conservative ultra-conservative members of Congress, formed as a reaction to the Americans for Democratic Action. ACA publishes an index of voting records of Congressmen and Senators, rating them as to degrees of conservatism. Local chapters are active in political campaigns.

What they say: "Americans have been running away from their own revolution in order to embrace an armament program saturated with Marxist ideology."

Birch Links: Vice Chairman and Secretary, General Bonner Fellers, Birch ~~Executive~~ Treasurer, Charles Edison, Member Editorial Advisory Committee, American Opinion, Birch Society magazine.

America's Future

Program: In addition to the weekly commentary by R. K. Scott broadcast on 365 stations, and the newsletter which draws from the broadcasts, the group publishes pamphlets and books voicing extremist views.

What they say: "the Supreme Court has struck down practically every bulwark we have raised against the Communists conspiracy."

Birch Links: Thomas Anderson, Trustee, a member Birch National Council; F Gano Chance, Trustee, member Birch National Council.

Christian Crusade

Program: Founded and headed by Rev. Billy James, the organization is sponsoring daily, political-ecclesiastical programs on 55

What it says: "We slapped radio and seven television stations and publishes a weekly newspaper, Christ in the face at the letting up of the United Nations in San Francisco... We gave in to Communist pressures and agreed to make no mention of Jesus Christ, or of God, The Father, in the United Nations Chambers..... To be a real good liberal, you've got to be 100 per cent stupid...."

Birch Links: Hargis is a member of Birch Society's Committee of Endorsers.

Christian Freedom Foundation

Program: This group is the vehicle of Howard E. Kershner whose "Commentary on the News" is broadcast on approximately 148 radio stations weekly.

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He is also the editor of a magazine and writes a syndicated column for 700 newspapers.

What it says: "In a real sense the Communists have taken over the country and have greatly influenced our major economic, fiscal, military and foreign policies."

Birch Links: The principal financial support for the Foundation comes from J. Howard Pew, who is a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Birch magazine, American Opinion.

Church League of America

Program: Research Section maintains "five tons of files" and "over 850,000 cross referenced index cards on all organizations and individuals who had aided the cause of subversion." Since 1962, it has sponsored a weekly 15-minute radio program carried on 17 stations in eight states. It conducts a film rental service.

What They Say: "The Girl Scout Handbook is un-American."

Birch Links: Two members of the board of Directors, E. L. Wiegand and Mrs. H. Dillon Winship, are on the Birch Society's Committee of Endorsers.

Conservative Society of America

Program: Publishes the "Independent American" and runs right wing broadcasts on 39 radio stations.

What They Say: Get out of the U. N. Eliminate the income tax. Free the government of "infiltration by subversive agents."

Birch Links: Board of directors includes the following Birch Endorsers: Medford Evans, Dan Hanson, E. Merrill Root, Maj. Gen. C. A. Willoughby, George J. Hess, J. Bracken Lee, R. W. Orell.

Manion Forum

Program: Weekly radio programs on 240 stations. Promotes "Conservative Clubs." Now claims 4,000 such clubs seeking charters from Manion.

What they say: Towage war by television, radio and the printed page against: (1) the confiscatory Marxist income tax; (2) rampant foreign aid squandering; (3) socialist "public power"; (4) destruction of states' rights; (5) futile conferences with Kremlin gangsters; (6) ridiculous budgets;

(7) Federal aid to education and (8) unrestrained labor bossism."

Birch Links: Manion is a member of the National Council of the Birch Society.

Dan Smoot Report

Program: Publishes weekly report and runs nationwide radio-TV broadcasts on 70 radio stations and 40 television stations.

What they say: Calls for impeachment of Earl Warren; suggest "that the Cuban invasion fiasco was organized betrayal, planned in Washington and Moscow."

Birch Links: Leading financial supporter is D. D. Lewis, a member of the Council of the Birch Society.

We The People

Program: Holds an annual Constitution Day rally. Also issues "Home Study Kits."

What They Say: Wants impeachment of Earl Warren. Investigation of National Education Association. Wants to get out of the United States.

Birch Links: President, Tow Anderson, is on National Council of Birch Society. Board members include C. W. Pavey, E. Merrill Root, J. Bracken Lee, all Birch Endorsers, and Revillo F. Oliver, member of the Birch National Council.

A joke?

Somehow I can't bring myself to laugh.

Birchers On Church Board Stir

A Debate

By John Reddy

A new church in Des Plaines is stressing strong ties between Christianity and patriotism.

The emphasis on patriotism has attracted the interest of ultraconservatives. It also has embroiled the young church in a controversy.

The Rev. Paul Lindstrom, 25, instrumental in organizing The Church of Christian Liberty, describes its principles as based on "conservative theology." He rejects, however, allegations that the religious body is a "front" for the John Birch Society.

Critics point to the outside activities of the church's six board members.

They are members of the John Birch Society, whose leader, Robert Welch, has directed Birch members to establish splinter organizations to combat the influence of communism.

The presence of Birchers on the board is described by the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom as a "coincidence" stemming from similarities of individual interests.

Because all the board members are society members, "it is difficult to assert there is no direct relationship," the cleric said. "But we are considering getting more non-Birch members on the board."

Patriots Attracted

"The church quite understandably attracts people with a strong sense of patriotism," the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom continued. "Many of those who come to our church belong to the American Legion, the Daughters of the American Revolution and, yes, the John Birch Society."

"They come to our church because they are dissatisfied with their own church's apathy and indifference toward the evil influence of Communist-inspired liberalism."

Services for The Church of Christian Liberty currently are conducted at the West Park Fieldhouse, 608 Wolf Rd., Des Plaines. While there have been as many as 108 visitors, average attendance has been between 40 and 75 — "but growing," according to the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom.

Purpose of the church is to "faithfully preach the Bible; win the unsaved to Christ; strengthen believers in the faith; extend the gospel work in the mission field; further the spirit of patriotism and uphold our God-given freedoms," he said.

Fundamentalist View

Attitude of the church, according to the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom, is that anything corrupting or undermining fundamental Christian principles is evil.

And, since communism, with its overtones of atheism, is anathema to the social-political foundation of Christian nations, communism is evil, he went on.

If communism is evil, every organization corrupted or exploited by the Communists is evil and a threat to a nation whose heritage includes religious freedom, he declared.

An educational hour preceding the church's one-hour worship service features anti-Communist speakers and such films as "The Supreme Court Prayer Decision" and "Operation Abolition," a documentary on riots at San Francisco hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In the future, however, there will be greater emphasis on "relating biblical messages to contemporary circumstances," the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom said.

A U. of Illinois Graduate

The Rev. Mr. Lindstrom received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois and a bachelor of divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield.

Prior to establishing The Church of Christian Liberty, he

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was pastor for 2½ years of the Forest River Evangelical Free Church, Prospect Heights, he said.

The new church provides a wider base for growth and a certain "freedom of direction," he declared.

"Protestant churches, and to a certain extent the Catholic church, have departed from some basic Christian concepts as a result of influence by the corruptive forces of liberals."

The National Council of Churches, for example, is criticized by the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom as a "social-political" organization which contributes to the power of big government by sending lobbyists to Washington.

"We encourage members of our congregation to carry Christian principles with them in every walk of life," said the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom. "And you can't just say this includes society, the home, the job — and leave out politics. But we don't think as a church we should lobby for the federal government to do our job."

Opposed To United Nations

The Church of Christian Liberty also is anti-United Nations. The Rev. Mr. Lindstrom said that a number of people who have shown an interest in his church have identified themselves as Catholics.

"And one of the things that upset them recently was the fact that Pope Paul VI's first visit to America was primarily to appear before the UN."

The Communists are exploiting the civil rights movement, the Rev. Mr. Lindstrom asserts. "Many of the ministers carrying signs may be sincere, but they are being used by forces of evil."

Most of the regular congregation comes from Park Ridge. Some visitors come from Evanston. Some come from as far away as Wheaton, McHenry and Highland Park, he said.

The John Birchers (they're the group who said Dr. King had Rev. Reeb murdered because they needed a martyr) had unexpected guests at their announced Birch meeting in Mt. Prospect Friday . . . members of the CCCO attended.

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Birch Society's Birthday Dinner

By Flora Lewis

Washington Post Special

NEW YORK — The John Birch Society celebrated its seventh birthday here Saturday with American flags and red, white and blue bunting for the occasion.

Places were set for 1,200 people, who paid \$50 each for a dinner of fruit cup, consommé, roast beef, salad and "anniversary ice cream cake." The profits, they were told, "will go to further the current expansion program of the society in this region."

Tells Of Gains

Before the dinner, founder Robert Welch told a press conference that membership in the northeast area of the country had advanced phenomenally in the last couple of years.

"A year and a half ago," he said, "we had three chapters in New Jersey. Then we got a top-quality co-ordinator there, and now we have a hundred."

Welch said there had been a similar increase in New York.

Most of those who turned up for the birthday dinner in Welch's honor seemed to be in their 30s or 40s. Men appeared to outnumber women by at least 2 to 1.

Opening Prayer

An invocation opening the dinner called on "almighty God . . . (to) forgive our government officials for their lack of discernment and for their moral softness whereby they make a virtue of appeasement and boast of accommodation and convergence with the most diabolical enemy of mankind in history."

"Forgive us, almighty God," it continued, "for being entranced with the illusive sirens of security and prosperity at a time when the criminal Communist conspiracy threatens to

destroy, both from without and from within, even our very existence as free men."

It was delivered by the Rev. Ivan Weiser, assistant minister of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, Conn.

A Roman Catholic priest introduced the guests of honor, and a Baptist pastor gave the benediction.

He said that all the attacks on the organization should serve only to point up the effectiveness of its work.

"The one thing we must not do is go on the defensive," Welch said, "for that is exactly what the Communists want us to do. The Communists have now unleashed a campaign of attack against us that makes earlier ones look like pilot programs."

"Furthermore," he said, "most of the attacks are by good people who have no idea that they've been beguiled by the Communists."

At the press conference, Welch signaled out the Protestant clergy as the one national institution where Communists had, he claimed, surpassed the 3 per cent threshold of infiltration "which is all they need for control. With 3 per cent they can take over."

Defines 'Communist'

"Communists have under 2 per cent in the government, and between 1 and 2 per cent in the press," Welch said.

Asked to define a Communist, Welch said, "I don't mean card carriers. That's reserved for bums and beatniks." Communism is "always imposed from the top down by a conspiratorial gang of criminals who usually wear striped pants and top hats."

"By communist, I mean a person who is consciously and willingly helping this clique to enforce its absolute rule over the entire world."

Welch brushed off the Ku Klux Klan, which he said "possibly has some Communists," as a splintered outfit of "only 8,000 or 9,000 members. We have around 80,000." But to charges of trying to infiltrate and gain control of the Republican Party, he repeated a quip he has used before: "We never commit petty larceny."

The Birchers laughed appreciatively. They had a rousing party.

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Educational TV Ruled Not Open To Birch Society

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Communications Commission has served notice that the John Birch Society is not eligible to own an educational television station, it was disclosed Saturday.

Henry Geller, FCC general counsel, told United Press International that the society would not qualify for one of the several hundred television channels reserved for non-commercial educational broadcasts because it is not an accredited educational institution.

For the same reason, he said, the Ford Foundation would not be eligible.

A spokesman for the Washington headquarters of the Birch Society said the society was incorporated in Massachusetts as an "educational organization," although it had never sought federal tax exemption.

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Birchites Anti-G.O.P. —Morton

GALESBURG, Ill. (AP)—Sen. Thruston B. Morton [R., Ky.] said he does not think members of the John Birch society "have the Republican party at heart."

He cited a primary election in South Dakota where Republican Sen. Karl Mundt may be opposed by a Bircher. Morton said this will cost Mundt extra money and effort.

He called it his mission to alert Republican leaders at all levels to possible Birch attempts to take over at the local level by packing precinct meetings.

Sen. Morton said the "party pros" have looked favorably upon his anti-Birch remarks. He addressed 400 persons at a Knox county Republican fundraising banquet.

Morton previously attacked the Birch society in Washington Sept. 30.

Then he denounced the society again last night, he said: "there is room in our party for every ideology" and added that he was not trying to discourage varied viewpoints.

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Birch Society Dispute Is on in California

May Be Top Issue in State's 1966 Elections

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN
[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Los Angeles, Oct. 10—The controversy over the John Birch society is growing in California and is expected to be an important factor in next year's gubernatorial election.

The Democrats take the line that the right-wing organization is trying to subvert the Republican party. Republican leaders are divided over the tactics and the importance of the society.

Sen. George Murphy (R., Cal.) said recently he understood the Birch membership was split 60 per cent Democratic and 40 per cent Republican. Murphy, in his successful election campaign in 1964, refused to repudiate the Birchers. That was why California's senior Republican senator, Thomas H. Kuchel, a so-called liberal under Birch fire, would not endorse Murphy.

Asserts 50-50 Split

John Rousselot, a former California Republican congressman and now the society's national public relations director, amended Murphy's figures slightly, asserting the membership was composed equally of Democrats and Republicans.

"We know," Rousselot said, "that several G. O. P. leaders got together several months ago and decided to encourage as many officials as possible to rap the society."

"The recent attacks by Sen. Thurston Morton (R., Ky.) and Rep. Gerald Ford (R., Mich.) and others are all a part of that program."

Rousselot said the society's major strongholds are in California, Illinois, Indiana, Washington, Arizona, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.

Tells Expansion Plans

"Altho the society is an educational action organization and not political," Rousselot added, "it eventually plans to have between 1,000 and 2,000 members in every congressional district in the nation."

Eugene H. Wyman, California Democratic national committeeman, called Murphy "guilty of wishful thinking" in connection with the senator's estimate on Democratic membership in the Birch organization.

"The fact is," Wyman said, "that the society has long made no bones about its intentions of infiltrating the Republican party and subverting it to its own purposes. In California we have a Republican state senator, John Schmitz, who is an open member of the society."

Mrs. Logan H. Goodnight,

president of the California Federation of Republican Women, which has 63,000 members, said the society was employing divisive tactics in the G. O. P. and the federation.

"I used to say," Mrs. Goodnight went on, "that I felt Birch members were a group of loyal Americans concerned over what was happening to our country. But a group that continues to attack Republican nominees or incumbents certainly is not helpful to our party."

However, Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly of Alton, Ill., first vice president of the National Federation of Republican Women, speaking at a meeting here, said those Republicans who denounce the Birch society are the ones guilty of diversionary and divisive tactics in the party.

Denies She's a Member

Asked about news stories quoting Rep. Ford and Sen. Dirksen (R., Ill.) as condemning the society, Mrs. Schlafly replied: "I will not comment

on statements. I haven't had time to read. I think this kind of talk is a diversionary tactic. There are always people who want to create a diversion in our party."

Mrs. Schlafly said she was not and never had been a mem-

ber of the Birch society, and that a society bulletin identifying her as such was an error.

Mrs. Ann Bowler, California G. O. P. national committee woman, and Mrs. Lucile Hosmer, past president of the California Republican Women's federation, criticized Mrs. Goodnight for her accusation and said they knew of no Birch activity in the group.

Calls Criticism "Unfortunate"

Cyril Stevenson Jr., president of the conservative California Republican assembly, a volunteer organization, also defended the society.

"Statements such as those by Senators Dirksen and Morton are unfortunate," Stevenson said, "because they infer the Birch society is a political organization, working within the Republican party."

"Why would these leaders of the Republican party wish to attack Republicans and tie them in with the society? Why

don't they spend their time attacking the Americans for Democratic Action and the far left in the Democratic party which favor complete government control over all our activities?

Admits Few Belong

"We do have some Birch members in our assembly. They are few in number and I don't feel their participation has been harmful. Those I know are sincere, dedicated, stable, responsible people. If there are any wild-eyed fanatics, I haven't found them yet."

The only announced candidate thus far for the G. O. P. nomination for governor is Laughlin E. Waters, former United States attorney in Los Angeles. He said he has not received any offer of support from the Birch society.

Ronald Reagan, film and television actor, is expected to declare for the nomination within a few months. Reagan is a conservative and reportedly will have Birch backing.

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Barry Asks All GOP To Quit Birch Society

By Julius Duscha

Washington Post Special

WASHINGTON — Barry Goldwater has suggested that Republicans who belong to the John Birch Society should resign from the society and devote their political energies to the Republican Party.

In a letter published in the current issue of the National Review, Goldwater noted that he has long criticized Robert Welch, the founder and head of the society, and has urged the society's members to select a new leader.

"I do believe," Goldwater said in his letter, "that the type of people generally who I know as members of the group could add effective weight and work to the Republican Party if they cared to, but they should resign from the society, since Mr. Welch has declined to do so."

During the 1964 presidential primaries, Goldwater said: "I don't consider the John Birch Society as a group to be extremist."

In an editorial the National Review declared that the Birch Society "is very plainly a beneficiary of the distress that ensued on the defeat of Sen. Goldwater" and that "enormous sums of money are pouring into the society."

The editorial stated that the money "is being spent—or a great deal of it—in cultivating points of view whose bearing on the anti-Communist struggle is harmful."

The National Review went

on the charge that the society has reached "a new virulence, a new level of panic" and that the society's own magazine, American Opinion, has found the United States to be "60 to 80 per cent Communist-dominated."

The editorial in the National Review predicted that the Birch Society will figure in two Republican campaigns next year—Sen. John Tower's effort to win re-election in Texas and Ronald Reagan's attempt to get the GOP nomination for governor in California.

Conservatives, the editorial continued, should raise the question of whether the Birch Society would be "helpful . . . or hurtful" to such men as Reagan and Tower. The editorial concluded that the society would hurt such conservatives.

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My Mistake . . . I Thought This Was A John Birch Society Meeting!



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On Birchites and Bilderbergers

MAYBE OUR EAR is insensitive and we're missing some overtones, but there's something about the name "Bilderbergers" that just refuses to sound sinister. On the contrary, it sounds kind of jolly—stout, red-cheeked and wooden-shoed. An organization with a name like that, we'd have assumed, would be more interested in beer and bowling than in intrigue.

But we are obviously missing something. The John Birch society, a fairly creepy group itself, seems to find the Bilderbergers worrisome, and the Birchites are certainly more sensitive than most. The Bilderbergers actually are an international group founded in 1954 by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands; the members or guests get together annually and discuss world affairs. They don't do anything about them—just discuss them. Still.

What brought all this up was revelation by a Birch official that Rep. Gerald R. Ford [R., Mich.], House minority leader, had twice attended Bilderberger meetings. And get this—the press was barred.

The point of these disclosures, such as it is, was that Ford had no business criticizing the Birch society as a secret organization while he attends private discussion groups himself—and foreign ones, at that.

It's no wonder that the Birchites seem a little tense and wild-eyed at times. They find so much to worry about.

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Welch Should Quit Birchites—Barry

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Goldwater And The Birchers

In the splendid old movie "Casablanca" there appeared a police captain who took regular payoffs from the owner of a casino. When it became politically expedient to make a raid, the captain burst into the casino with the exclamation, "I am shocked to learn that there is gambling in this place."

Some of the same tone of dismay may be detected in Barry Goldwater's new statement upon the John Birch Society. Now — a year and three months late — he says that Republicans should get out of it.

He had his chance, at last year's Republican National Convention, to see the Birchers for what they were — extreme radicals whose support would damage his campaign and whose designs upon the nation were destructive and sinister. Instead he chose to make his infamous statement, "I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." For him, one gathers, the extremist Birchers and the "extremist" soldiers of

our Revolution were akin. Later the Republican campaign took on an even more dubious character when the support of the Ku Klux Klan was not repudiated.

Even now, Goldwater makes a curious distinction between Robert Welch, founder and head of the society, and its members. Only a man out of touch with reality would attempt, as Welch has, to smear former President Eisenhower as an agent of communism, and only similarly disoriented individuals would follow such a man. Yet Goldwater says that "the type of people generally who I know as members of the group could add effective weight and work to the Republican Party."

The weight of the Birchers was felt in the Republican campaign last year, and it was so slight that President Johnson won all but six states. Their weight has if anything diminished, but their presence is still enough to discredit the whole party. They've simply got to go.

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Nixon And The Birchers

WASHINGTON—One aspect of the Republican Party's crisis can be seen in the intermittent, sometimes hesitant, warfare Richard M. Nixon has waged against the John Birch Society.

If the Republican Party has a national leader today, his name is Nixon. He is riding a new wave of popularity—as witness presidential-sized crowds in his speech-making tour of Virginia last week—and is now in front for the 1968 presidential nomination. Considering the way Birchers sabotaged Nixon in his 1962 losing race for governor of California, it might seem inevitable that he lead the crusade to boot the Birchers and their fellow travelers out of the party.



NIXON

Yet Nixon leads no such crusade. For to do so would infuriate ultraconservatives who have not joined the Birch society. And Nixon is the great apostle of unity. To lead a therapeutic purge of right-wing extremists, Nixon would be playing party-splitter instead of party unifier.

Nixon's difficulty has been underscored the last two weeks. He was genuinely upset and felt he had been unfairly treated in a recent column of ours. We reported that Nixon, as a member of the national Republican Co-ordinating Committee, would face a difficult decision when Sen. Thurston B. Morton (Ky.) follows through on his proposal to censure the Birchers.

OUR OPINION reflected the view of supporters of the Morton resolution (who certainly have no ax to grind against Nixon). Why? Because a key element in Nixon's 1968

presidential bid is continued allegiance of the party's Goldwater wing. A militant stand against Birchism by Nixon might undermine that foundation.

Nixon resents this view. He points out that as recently as Sept. 25 press conference in San Francisco he reaffirmed—in answers to questions—his 1962 attack on the Birch society.

What Nixon does not point out is that in his formal speech, delivered immediately following that press conference to the 1,065-member California Republican State Central Committee, he almost ignored the issue. Commenting that Democrats always attack the Republican Party for its radical right, Nixon declared: "It is time to turn it around and ask what are they going to do about the radical left."

THESE WERE HEAVENLY WORDS for an organization infiltrated by Birchers and Bircher fellow travelers.

And although Nixon surely wasn't aware of it, he was inadvertently echoing the favorite Bircher counterattack. Whenever under fire, the Bircher screams that the attacker instead should worry about the far left.

Furthermore, when asked publicly about the Birch society, Nixon invariably refers to his March 1, 1962, anti-Birch speech. In doing so, Nixon virtually ignores ominous inroads of the Birchers into the party since March 1, 1962.

Nixon now privately indicates he will back the Morton resolution when it comes before the co-ordinating committee Dec. 17.

That's all to the good. But many Republicans wish it were Nixon introducing the resolution himself—leading the fight to cut out the deadly Bircher growth on the party's right wing.

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Rising Tide of Anti-Birchism

In a letter to the National Review, Barry Goldwater has proposed that Republicans get out of the John Birch Society and concentrate on helping the party. His point was that the society with its present leadership and reputation is a drag on the party and a diverter of energy and funds.

In the same current issue, the National Review itself—a distinctly right-wing magazine—renewed its attack on the Birch Society, charging it has reached “a new virulence, a new level of panic,” and that its support would damage the election efforts of such conservatives as Sen. John Tower of Texas and Ronald Reagan in California.

Coming in tandem with the recent denunciations of the Birch Society by leading Republicans like Senators Everett Dirksen and Thruston Morton, these volleys from the right should go far to kill off any lingering Birchist sentiment among thoughtful Republicans, however conservative.

But no bets should be laid on the early demise of the Birch Society, or any slackening of its efforts to rule or ruin the GOP.

The 1964 campaign demonstrated how a fervent, disciplined minority can move in and take over.

Birchism appeals not to reason but to fear and to fear's principal by-product, suspicion. It is an appeal potent enough to win over millions of gullible Americans in the face of every sort of condemnation and exposure. The kind of intellect that accepts the Birch verdict that Gen. Eisenhower is a Communist servant is likely to reject all dissident views—even from former Birch communicants—as devilish. The best the responsible Republican leadership can do is maintain a united front and constant vigilance against the society and its philosophy. As Goldwater now manifestly realizes, the price they claim for their “allegiance” is the candidate's and the party's self-respect.

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WELCH SHOULD LEAVE BIRCH SOCIETY: BARRY

New York, Oct. 12 (UPI)—Barry Goldwater says that statements made by Robert Welch, John Birch society founder, have "generally been wrong, ill-advised and, at times ill-tempered" and that Welch should resign.

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Knock Birchers Less, Aid GOP More, Barry Advises

By Richard Bergholz

L.A. Times Special

LOS ANGELES — Former Sen. Barry Goldwater said Wednesday that Republicans should spend less time denouncing the John Birch Society and more time putting society members to work — as Republicans.

The Arizonan, here for a

\$100-a-plate GOP fund-raising dinner Thursday night, repeated his suggestion that as long as founder Robert Welch continues to head the society, members should resign and put their energies to work in Republican ranks.

"I don't think we should be trying to get the John Birch Society albatross off our necks," the 1964 Republican presidential candidate said, "we should be trying to swallow it."

'Not Taking Over'

Goldwater made the statement in connection with recent remarks by party dealers in Washington demanding that the Birchite tinge be removed from the Republican Party.

"I don't for one moment agree with some Republican leaders that this organization (the Birch Society) is about to take over the Republican Party," he said. "There never

seemed to be any ties with the John Birch Society to be concerned about."

But he added that he has consistently disagreed with Welch on policy matters and considers Welch statements generally as "wrong, ill-advised and at times ill-tempered."

Defines GOP Job

The job of Republican Party leadership, Goldwater said, is to develop a position which encourages responsible members of the Birch Society to divert their energies to the GOP.

"I've never been able to become exercised about the John Birch Society taking over the Republican Party," he said.

By the same token, he added, "I think some of these people (Birch members) should stop worrying about finding Communists under every bell and should start trying to find practical solutions to national problems."

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Militant Negroes Here Forming Armed Unit to Fight the Klan

BY EDMUND J. ROONEY

Militant Negroes are organizing a Chicago chapter of the gun-carrying Deacons for Defense and Justice, a vigilante group active in battling the Klu Klux Klan in the South.

"We believe there are Klansmen active in this city and we're confident they have thousands of sympathizers here," said Earnest Thomas, 32, the Deacons' vice president and their full-time paid national organizer.

"While we have 62 chapters quite active in the South, Chicago will be our first Northern chapter," he said.

"We expect to operate with freedom patrols up here and be alert for police brutality against Negroes. And we'll also campaign against shady deals that are often pulled off on us Negroes in the North.

"The extent of our stay in Chicago will depend on how things improve here for Negroes."

THOMAS, father of five, told in an interview here how he and other Deacons do battle against Klansmen.

"We don't teach hatred," Thomas said.

"We do teach that you have

to meet force with force. The only thing that the Klan respects is force. It is also the only thing understood by the others who battle Negroes such as the John Birch Society, the Minute Men, and the American Nazi Party.

"We usually operate down South by riding armed with pistols and good rifles in radio-equipped cars. We've had a couple of gun battles recently with the Klan but nobody was seriously hurt. We think we sent some Klansmen to the hospital."

THOMAS said Deacons never shoot unless somebody else shoots first.

"We simply meet violence against Negroes with violence, and it has worked. The Klan is quieter now in the South because of us and the hearings set by the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington next week."

"The local police have protected the Klan and even the federal government, the Federal Bureau of Investigation included, have been ineffectual in fighting Klansmen.

The Deacons' activity is "absolutely within the law," Thomas maintains.

"We were organized in Jonesboro, La., about 18

months ago because of violence, and threats, by white gangs," he said. "Legally, we're above board because the Bill of Rights allows any citizen to bear arms in defense of life and property.

"In Louisiana we're allowed ownership of weapons as long as they are not concealed. Our weapons are never concealed. We're a civil rights group but we don't demonstrate in the streets. We observe and then act if it is necessary."

THOMAS, a Korean war veteran, is outspoken in his criticism of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his non-violent southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Talk doesn't solve anything," Thomas said.

"We Negroes are not going to gain our freedom by talking. We Negroes can't continue to let the Klan and similar hate groups trample on us. King and I really live in two different worlds."

Thomas is scheduled to debate the Rev. James Bevel, one of King's top aids, at 8 p.m. Saturday in the First Congregational Church, 1613 W. Washington Blvd.

They will debate the topic, "Non-violence vs. Self-defense."

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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Captioned individual telephonically advised at 11:00 A.M. this date that for the information of the Chicago Office of the FBI he is to be a speaker at a civil rights symposium of the John Birch Society at the Lord Park Pavilion in the East part of Elgin, Illinois at 7:00 P.M. this date. He stated he furnished this information in the event the FBI desired to have an SA on the scene to observe the usual leftist hecklers.

[REDACTED] further stated that his home telephone number is [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois and that in the event anyone desired to contact him in Chicago the telephone number is [REDACTED] which is the [REDACTED] but that the counter man will refer any calls back to him.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sirs:

I have just finished listening to station WBBM on my radio whose speaker for the last 2-1/2 hours was [Redacted] or [Redacted]. As a John Birch member which organization he commented on unfavorably, I would appreciate if you could give me any information concerning this man's affiliation with the Communist party or Communist fronts. Also please the "Status Quo" of the "Industrial Areas Foundations and The Woodland Foundation".

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The possible affiliations of a gentleman by the name of [Redacted] not sure of correct spelling of last name.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
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Gentlemen:

There have been many statements of opinion in regard to the standing of the John Birch Society; for and against.

I'm sure the Federal Bureau of Investigation has studied this group and has come to a decision on the status of the society relative to their patriotism toward the United States, and as a movement to fight communism.

Would you please send me a statement of your findings and opinion as the result of thorough investigation of the John Birch Society?

Yours very truly,

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BARRY GOLDWATER

'Birch Tag' Not G.O.P. Problem

The John Birch society is not a Republican problem. There isn't a single Birch society member in a policy-making position in the Republican party. The party has not been influenced by Birch politics, and it never will be.

There are Republicans, of course, who belong to the Birch society. I hope they will either change the leadership and direction of the society or leave it and devote full time to the Republican cause instead. I've been working toward that end for years, and anyone who suggests my recent repetition of that position is new hasn't been paying attention.

I am convinced there are as many Democrats as Republicans in the society, but have we heard the Democrats doing anything about it? Not on your life. If there's a vote involved, we won't hear a peep.

Dems Not Taking a Stand

Democrats are promoting a form of political extremism on the left that does just what the leader of the Birchites, Robert Welch, has done. Democrats not only haven't taken a stand on their Birch colleagues, but also they are pulling a Welch on their own.

Remember when Welch accused President Eisenhower of being a conscious "tool" of the Communists? Absurd, wasn't it? That's when I began publicly to oppose Welch.

Now the Democrats have done the same thing in reverse. They are officially supporting an organization which publishes a blacklist lumping Dwight Eisenhower along with members of the American Nazi party.

The Democratic national committee has

contributed \$10,000 to the support of an organization called Group Research, Inc., and its national chairman has issued a letter soliciting support for this company.

What does the outfit do? It publishes a list of supposed extremists which is widely used, particularly by union leaders and Democratic officials, as a blacklist. Anyone whose name appears on it is supposed to be attacked.

Leftist Extremism Cited

Whom does it list? Along with Nazis, known anti-Semites, and other actual extremists, it lists former Presidents Hoover and Eisenhower, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and even such Democrats as Tom Dodd, the anti-communist senator from Connecticut. Its approach is just as crude and distorted as was Robert Welch's when he accused Mr. Eisenhower.

Sen. Thruston Morton [R., Ky.], who agrees Democrats are the ones with a real housecleaning problem, has done yeoman service in pointing to this extremism of the left and reminding us that it poses an even more substantial threat than the extremism of the right.

The most flagrant example is Americans for Democratic Action [A. D. A.] whose former vice chairman is Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Imagine what would happen if a Birch member were elected Vice President by Republicans! But A. D. A. is just as radical on the left, and it obviously has great influence, whereas the Birchites have not.

Extremism? It's time Republicans stopped having such a guilt complex on that score. They don't deserve it. It's the Democrats who have the real problem. Let's hear from them for a change.



Barry Goldwater

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Birchers, Stay Away from GOP

Recently many Republican leaders have said the John Birch Society is a dangerous force working against the Republican Party by the absurdity of its positions. This is, in all probability, true.

However, some of the leaders—Goldwater, for instance—have urged Birch members to quit the ultra-conservative and work in the party. This is a

very dangerous solution. The GOP doesn't need the kind of people who will join the Birch Society in the first place.

People who join the Birch Society believe in getting out of the UN, impeaching Earl Warren and other little gems. Whether they believe Ike is a Red is irrelevant. The GOP doesn't need anti-UNers or the impeach-Warren crowd.

The GOP already has enough of this type and that's why it loses elections.

No, the solution is not for rightists to quit the Birch Society and join the GOP. The solution is, in my view, for the GOP to promote liberal causes, not 18th Century nonsense in a jet-age world. The GOP needs more Lindsays, Rockefellers, Romneys and Percys; not former Birch Society members who still hold some of their less irresponsible ideas.

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Mabley's Report:

John Birch Dinner Has Money Woes

BY JACK MABLEY

IT MAY OR MAY NOT be an indication of a cooling off of the ardor of John Birch society members, but sponsors of a \$25-a-plate testimonial dinner to honor Robert Welch, the Birch boss, have resorted to low down payment and \$5 a month for tickets to try to fill the hall.



JACK MABLEY

The testimonial is scheduled for the Murat temple in Indianapolis Nov. 6. Chicago area members of the society have received an emergency call from the general chairman, W. G. Schneider, to push tickets.

"At this stage, since the hall is only one-third full and since the liberal press will gloat over the apparent bust, I am willing to finance your ticket on a \$5 down and \$5 a month repayment," Schneider writes.

"We are too far along to cancel this dinner, but if the money wouldn't be lost that we have already committed and have on deposit in several places, cancellation would be very easy to consider."

"We are not the liberal press, and we never gloat, but we pass this along as something that wouldn't normally be publicized thru regular Birch channels."

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October 1, 1965
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On Thursday night, September 30, 1965, the Sarah
Levine Para Lazarus executive held a meeting at the home
of [redacted] *CU*

The following attended:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] *CU*

[redacted] conducted the meeting. An evaluation
of the opening luncheon held at the home of [redacted]
on September 10 was made. It was decided that the luncheon
was very nice but too few members attended. *CU*

[redacted] gave a bank balance of \$223. A
letter was received from New York saying that the club owed
\$36.10 per capita for 1964 - 1965. It was decided that
\$52.50 for 1965 be paid. *CU*

The council opening luncheon will be held at
the Furniture Club on November 13. *CU*

At the next meeting letters or telegrams will be
sent to [redacted] and Senator DINKSEN on their
good stand on the Birch Society, also to [redacted]
on his stand on Viet Nam. Members will be asked to write to
Attorney General CLARK asking him why nothing has been done
about the Para Militarist Organization. *CU*

The first meeting of the season, October 12, will
be held at [redacted] home. The program will be a living
newspaper. *CU*

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Birch Members

Let the people who attack the John Birch society substantiate their claims with evidence.

The society is composed of a cross-section of the finest people in the country.

Contrary to the opinions of some, the Birch meetings are open to anyone who cares to attend. Our literature is available to all.

WALTER OHLSON

Berwyn

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CABLE ADDRESS: MISSION CHICAGO

November 5, 1965

To Whom it concerns
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I'm interested in securing some facts to bring me up to date in my understanding of the problem of Communism in the United States. Specifically I have two questions to answered. (1) How many known Communist are in the United States, and (2) Are the so called "Fellow travelers" more of a menace than the actual party members? Would these college sit-in's and teach-in's come under the heading of "fellow travelers" in your understanding of the problem.

I'm also concerned about the John Birch Society's claims. It is a point of wonderment to me if they are doing any good at all in helping to protect the freedom of our society with their methods of railing and other slanderous activities?

I have to speak on the problem of Communism versa Christianity next month and thus desire your views on this so as to properly represent what would be considered the truth on these matters.

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Sincerely yours

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P.S. Is there any figures to show to what extent the party may be liquidating those they fear or have fallen out with the party in our country? I read some figurs in a magazine not long ago but am afraid to quote unathorative sources.

Rev. R.W. Bushall

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November 10, 1965

[Redacted]
The Pacific Garden Mission
646 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 5th has been received,
and the concern which prompted you to write is understandable.

Enclosed is some material on communism which
contains information on the subjects you mentioned. The FBI
has not investigated the John Birch Society; therefore, I am not
in a position to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

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The John Birch Society: Its People and Programs

Area controversy over the John Birch Society reached a climax a year ago this month, when the society opened its Midwest headquarters in Glenview. Though the controversy has partially subsided, the area Birchers still are actively pursuing their programs. Here is the first of two articles examining some of these programs and reactions to them.

By Charles Loebbaka

Will the real John Birch Society stand up?

According to your friends, you are like a modern-day Paul Revere, alerting the country to imminent danger.

But your critics say you're more like a Benedict Arnold, spurning American principles and fair play in pursuit of your goals.

A third group—probably the largest of all—is composed of persons who may dislike or favor you, but aren't making their feelings public.

The struggle over the best way to fight communism has moved from the verbal arena to the field of action programs. The growing Birch society is stepping up its programs, and its opponents are actively meeting the challenge.

Tell Programs

Here's a sampling of some current Birch programs, including reading recommended by the society:

• Support Your Local Police because police are "especially important now that Communist-inspired riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene."

• Expose the civil rights fraud to "break the back of the Communist conspiracy." (American Negro Problems, a 1934 Communist pamphlet)

• Impeach Earl Warren because his court's decisions have almost always coddled Communists. (Nine Men Against America, a booklet by Rosalie Gordon)

• Get the United States out of the United Nations and get the United Nations out of the United States because the world body was conceived and created by Communists, is controlled by Communists, and has favored the objectives of Communists. ("The Fearful Master — A Second Look at the United Nations," a book by G. Edward Griffin)

Although Birchers can resign from the society if they disagree with such policies, most work hard on the projects outlined by Founder Robert Welch in his monthly bulletin.

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Locally, the society pursues its goals through its Midwest headquarters, 600 Waukegan Rd., and the American Opinion Library-Bookstore, 1410 Waukegan Rd., both in Glenview.

Leading the area Birchers are Robert Koenig of Chicago, Midwest co-ordinator; Norman Thomas, 1933 Big Oak Ln., Northbrook, Northern Illinois, co-ordinator; and Roger Morrison, 2018 Larkdale Dr., Glenview, Midwest public relations director.

All were in sales work before joining the ranks of the society's full-time, paid employees. Mr. Morrison said they are qualified because they have studied communism and activities against it.

These Birch officials seem to be cut from the same cloth as John Rousselot, the society's national public relations director and a former California congressman.

They are articulate and personable.

Their demeanor differs sharply from that of their leader, Mr. Welch, who was all business in two filmed talks. I saw at a Birch introductory meeting in Evanston's Orrington Hotel.

The audience was composed of about 30 persons, ranging in age from about 20 to 60, nicely dressed for the 4½-hour Sunday afternoon session.

Our host was Mr. Thomas, whose presentation included the following points:

1. Communism has made vast strides toward its goal of conquering the world, and the United States is "losing a cold war in which our country and existence are at stake."

2. At least part of the gains have been aided by the liberal mass

media, which use Birchers for whipping boys.

3. The best way to combat a Communist takeover is to learn about the threat and join the combined efforts of the society members.

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting and then relinquished the floor for an hour for the first of Mr. Welch's talks—about how Communists connived World War II and how they have made gains.

Practice Secrecy

Returning for some comments on secrecy, the Northbrook man said the society doesn't reveal the number of members or their names, the same practice followed by some other organizations, such as the American Medical Association.

Mr. Morrison says, "We don't want to let the international conspiracy know the strength of the opposition. If we were so secret, our doors wouldn't be open."

The society has occasionally deviated from this policy, however, and Mr. Welch recently estimated that national membership totals 60,000 to 100,000. Officials say that while these members are of all faiths and races, the society must remain monolithic to check infiltration by Communists and those who would make the society racist or antisemitic, said Mr. Morrison.

Concluding the secrecy discussion, Mr. Thomas told his audience in the small hotel room that even nonmembers can read Birch books or subscribe to the monthly bulletin. Locally the publications are available at the society's library-bookstore in Glenview.

Mr. Thomas suggested that his potential members read "One Dozen Candles," a Birch reprint series, as the first step in learning about Communist efforts.

Mr. Thomas termed the books in this series "suppressed," but the record doesn't fully bear him out, at least in Glenview, home of the society's Midwest headquarters, at

600 Waukegan Rd.

The Glenview Public Library has three of the publications—"While You Slept," "Shanghai Conspiracy," and "Nine Men Against America." It had "I Saw Poland Betrayed," but the book apparently was lost when the crowded library facilities were moved from the village hall several years ago.

According to Librarian Peter Bury, "The Web of Subversion," "Odyssey of a Fellow Traveler," and the book that was lost are out of print.

He said the other books apparently are in print and could be purchased. They are "America's Retreat From Victory," "From Maj. Jordan's Diaries," "The People's Pottage," "The Kohler Strike," "The Pentagon Case," and "The Tragedy of Bolivia."

After a few comments on "One Dozen Candles," Mr. Thomas surrendered the floor to Mr. Welch's second filmed talk, an introduction to the society. Then Mr. Thomas launched his membership pitch: "We've joined because we want to win this war. We're losing it now. The Communists have enslaved a third of the land, a billion people."

Tells How to Join

The audience listened intently as the speaker told how to join the fight:

First, inform yourself by reading material in the Birch library-bookstore. Then form study groups to inform others, because they are reading the liberal press material, which is Communist-influenced.

Mr. Thomas jokingly added, "You'll be able to tell everyone later how the Communist takeover happened."

The next step is to oppose Communist and collectivist efforts when they encroach on liberties at the local level. Lastly, take the offensive, which you can do best by joining the John Birch Society.

"One person can't fight communism alone because it's an

international conspiracy," the Northbrook resident said.

Those who decided to join, Mr. Thomas related, would be assigned to a chapter, which has 10 to 20 members. They would pay the yearly dues (\$24 for men and \$12 for women) and receive the monthly bulletin outlining action programs.

Those who decided to join probably found themselves involved in activities opposed by many of their neighbors.

Typical conflict has occurred in Glenview, and a review of the first public dispute there helps put the current debate in perspective.

Conflict Begins

The controversy began when the Education for American Security School was held Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 1960, in the Glenview Naval Air Station.

Some residents mistakenly believed the John Birch Society was involved directly, but the Navy said the school sponsors were the Glenview Chamber of Commerce, Patrick Henry League, Latvian Youth Association, National Review magazine, Christopher Movement, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, American Legion posts, and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Residents observed that the school:

- Drew public attention to communism and served as a catalyst for increasing membership in the society, believed to have four chapters at the time.

- Brought into focus local opposition to certain methods of fighting communism.

In addition to the school itself, the Navy's role in the program became a subject of debate, largely because the front page of the printed program for the school said: "The United States Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, presents Education for American Security."

Thirty area residents sent a strong letter of protest to the then Navy Sec. William B. Fraake, objecting to use of government property for what they regarded as a program fostering suspicion and

criticism of some government officials and policies.

The Navy was quick to reply that it merely provided the facilities, without directly sponsoring the school. Station Capt. Isaiah Hampton was transferred a year later, and opinion still is divided over whether the furor prompted the move.

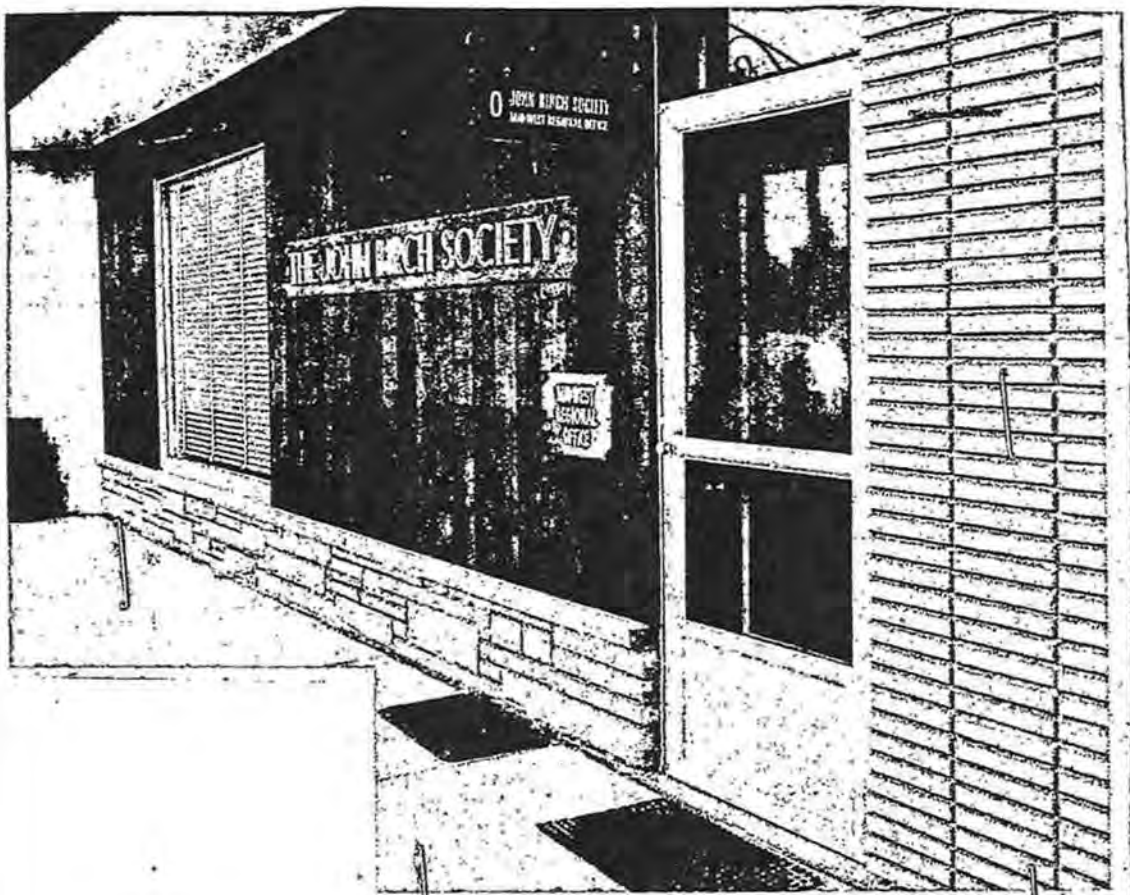
Trustee Dissents

The Glenview Village Board adopted a resolution commending the program, with Trustee Norma Morrison casting the only "no" vote. She said she received many uncomplimentary phone calls, some of them anonymous.

The local controversy over anti-communism that began with the school still is raging. And the Birchens are in the thick of it.

But this is to be expected.

As Mr. Thomas told his audience at the Orrington Hotel: "You'll butt heads and become controversial. But that's a small price to pay."



This office at 600 Waukegan road, Glenview, serves as the Midwest headquarters of the John Birch Society.



Going over some territory where they hope to gain new followers for the John Birch Society are Norman Thomas of Northbrook (left), Northern Illinois co-ordinator, and Roger Morrison, Midwest public relations director. (Reames Studio Photos)



Mrs. Mary Kraychy of Northbrook (center), a John Birch Society member, shows a book to Mrs. Mary Stach of Glenview, a visitor to the Amer-

ican Opinion Library. Looking over some pamphlets is another visitor, Mrs. Ann Schoeneck of Glenview. (Reames Studio Photo)

December 3, 1965

Regional Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Sir:

I am preparing a paper on the John Birch Society for my Sociology class at DePaul University. I would appreciate it if you could tell me to what extent your organization has been investigating the society. I realize that you would not release any of the findings of your investigations, but I would like to know if they are being investigated.

I am a member of R.O.T.C. and I am planning a career in the Army and I do not desire to lose my chances for a security clearance. As a result I have not contacted the Society itself. Could you please tell me if I contacted them would ~~would~~ I lose a security clearance.

Respectfully yours

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219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
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[redacted] Illinois 60077

Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of December 3, 1965. In respect to your first question, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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As to the subject of security clearances, I must advise you that this agency does not grant clearances. While this agency does conduct background personnel type investigations for other governmental agencies, our findings are furnished to the requesting agency, which agency in turn makes its own determination as to the granting of a security clearance. In your specific case, the granting of any Army security clearance would be effected by appropriate Army intelligence agencies. Therefore, it is suggested you may wish to consult with your ROTC Adviser relative to the second question raised in your letter.

Very truly yours,

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Dinner Here Honors Welch

A \$25-a-plate testimonial dinner for Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, will be held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The local Birch chapter said it is sponsoring the dinner to coincide with the seventh anniversary of the founding of the organization.

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Arrived at the Lugewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, on Thursday, 9 December 1965 at 1730 hours. The SUBJ CT dinner was scheduled for 2000 hours following cocktails at 1800 hours.

According to the hotel manager 330 dinners were served following the cocktail party attended by a majority of the members, who paid \$45 a plate.

[redacted] arrived at 1830 hours and a surveillance of the hotel was concluded at 2300 hours when no dissident groups or individuals were observed in the area.

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What Is The John Birch Society?

The Truth May Surprise You!

This week we are celebrating our seventh anniversary. We are glad to take the occasion, therefore, to give as much of an answer to the above question as space will permit, for those who really want to know. So—

I. Let's Start At The Beginning

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It was chartered under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit educational organization. We have lived up meticulously to those specifications (including not making any profit!) for seven years.

During these seven years we have sought to bring into The John Birch Society only men and women of good character, humane consciences, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose—in word and deed—which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

Members of the Society are of all races, colors, and creeds. We are of all social, economic, and educational levels. We are individualists who disagree among ourselves about many things. But we are firmly united in devotion to those beliefs, principles, and purposes which we do hold in common. For we have voluntarily joined together:

(1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization;

(2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

(3) To restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as *less government, more responsibility, and a better world.*

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II. So We Collide With Communism

These purposes bring us immediately into conflict with the Communists, on two levels. For on the ideological plane the Communists seek always and everywhere to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and an amoral world. And on the plane of action, until the Communists can be stopped from completing their subjugation of the whole world, there will be no opportunity for us to move forward at all towards our permanent goals.

We have undertaken, therefore, to play a leading role in slowing down, stopping, and eventually routing the Communist conspiracy. We realize that the one thing no conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only danger to their gigantic conspiracy which the Communists fear is *exposure*. For this reason, we do all that we can to bring our fellow citizens more knowledge and a better understanding of the methods, the progress, and the menace of the Communist machine. In this undertaking we have become a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before in any of the vast areas they have already taken over.

So the Communists, grasping this fact very early, set out in 1961 to destroy us. The most official Communist publication in the United States is *The Worker*, in which the line is laid down for the faithful. During the last six months of 1961 there was, we believe, only one issue of this weekly paper which did not contain an attack somewhere in its pages on The John Birch Society; and a number of issues contained as many as six or seven separate attacks on us at that many different places. The Comsymps got the point, and have been carrying out the indicated program with increasing furor ever since.

Of course the Communists follow Lenin's basic strategy of advancing Communism by non-Communist hands. They could never impose the tyrannical rule of some three percent of a population over the whole population—which they repeatedly do in one country after another—unless they could inveigle enough non-Communists and even anti-Communists among that other ninety-seven per cent into doing their dirty work for them. Deceptively appealing, for instance, to every motivation in human character, from

sordid selfishness to "practical politics" to misguided idealism, they have gradually beguiled a lot of very good Americans into joining the attack on us. Until the maligning of

The John Birch Society has now probably exceeded, in intensiveness and extensiveness, that faced by any other organization in all American history. And in general our defamers do not even try to refute the facts on which we focus attention. They merely call us names for bringing these facts to light.

III. And Stir Up The Politicians

The John Birch Society is in no sense a political organization. We try to give our members information, understanding, and — we hope — even inspiration, which will make them better citizens. As good citizens they may take an active part in politics. But each member does so entirely on his own, working in the party of his choice, for the candidate of his choice, exactly as do members of the American Legion or of the Knights of Columbus or of the Rotary Club or a Baptist Church.

For we regard education as the means, and political action as only the mechanics, for bringing about improvements in government. The mechanics will automatically be used when sufficient education has prepared the way. We mean it quite literally, therefore, when we say that education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon. Or, as made clear throughout the Blue Book and emphasized on its last page, our gigantic task is simply to create understanding.

Members of The John Birch Society, however, are extremely hard working, highly respected in their local communities, and always earnestly determined on behalf of any cause or candidate that they support. When circumstances bring any appreciable number together behind any particular candidate, their weight is out of all proportion to their numbers. And that weight is usually felt, of course, on the side of the Conservatives — of either party. So the Liberals of both parties naturally raise all the clamor they can against Birchers in politics. As the stranglehold of the Liberals on both parties now steadily increases, even Conservative politicians feel unceasing pressures to "improve their images" by joining the chorus of attack on The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever

realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

A related part of the mammoth and many-faceted campaign which the Communists have now generated against us is the deliberate and widespread attempt to associate The John Birch Society in the public mind with the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and other so-called "extremists of the left and of the right." Our approach to the problems of today is so different from the viewpoint of the Klans that we have never knowingly admitted a member of any Klan into the Society. We estimate that about forty per cent of our total membership is Catholic. Many of our finest Chapter Leaders are Jewish. And we are very proud of our small but growing number of Negro members, who are working so hard—and so courageously—with us to show our fellow citizens, both white and colored, how the Negroes are being *used* today by the Communists to serve Communist purposes.

So we have no similarity or sympathy whatsoever with the Klans. While the so-called American Nazi Party, according to J. Edgar Hoover, has *less than one hundred members*. And it is visibly given immense publicity by some media for the very purpose of using it, by utterly false association, to discredit The John Birch Society.

Not is this campaign intended to serve simply the purpose of a vague and general discrediting of the Society or of merely discouraging our members and prospective members. There are plotters behind it who are obviously working towards a more specific goal. They wish to establish in the public mind, and then to formalize, the concept that since the Communists and Ku Kluxers and John Birchers are all "just alike," and since the Communists and Ku Kluxers are visibly "subversive," then The John Birch Society is "subversive" too. We believe it is to this end, at least in part, that so many high ranking politicians have been seduced into speaking out against us.

IV. What Have We Accomplished?

✓ We have established a nationwide educational army. It has a fully paid staff. This army is fighting with facts as its only weapons. And the whole army knows that to be better informed is to be better armed.

For help towards informing ourselves first and then others, we established a publishing division. It is now turning out books and pamphlets with a retail value of

about four million dollars per year. We also serve as very sizable distributors of the Conservative books and reprints of approximately one hundred other publishers. And our members now operate some 350 "reading rooms that sell books," scattered throughout the country—most of them under the name of American Opinion Libraries.

We have certainly helped to re-awaken, restore, and strengthen, in tens of thousands of Americans, the three great basic human loyalties: Loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family. The Communists know that they simply must destroy all three of these foundations of our civilization. For they can never rule "peacefully"—that is, without constant resistance—in any place or at any time where there is loyalty to anything except to the Communist state.

We were the first organization in the United States to start calling widespread attention to the world-wide Communist plot to discredit, demoralize, and destroy local police forces. Our members have distributed in leaflet form literally millions of our messages explaining what the Communists were doing in this area, and why. As a result, our *Support Your Local Police* drive has now won tremendous backing from patriotic citizens everywhere.

We are engaged in an entirely proper and constitutional movement to bring about the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. As only one result of our educational efforts in support of that movement, we have awakened hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens to the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. Many of them have come to realize the lengths to which our Founding Fathers went in order to give us a republic (not a democracy)—*if we could keep it!* And a growing number now understand how important it is to the Communists to convert this republic into a democracy as rapidly as they can.

✓ Through the distribution by our members of huge quantities of books and pamphlets, we have brought a sizable and increasing fraction of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control, and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movements. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and widespread speaking engagements, has been an important part of this service to our country.

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced and the poorly informed to blame Communism on any one group of race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the Society which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions, and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, *not to our mistakes and our failures*, but to our successes and our progress.

V. Which Do You Choose?

We cannot give you here the full basis for that choice. But let's put down a few point by point comparisons of the Society with its Communist enemies.

(1) The Communists seek unlimited power for themselves, over the whole human race. The John Birch Society does not want any power at all over anybody, either now or in the future. Agreeing with Lord Acton that "power

tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely," the Society seeks to make progress towards its goals only by education and persuasion.

(2) The Communists believe that any means may be used to attain their ends. The Society believes that improper means are never justified by even the noblest of aims, and that means are as important as ends in any worthwhile civilization.

(3) The Communists always accuse their enemies — such as The John Birch Society — of exactly those crimes which the Communists themselves are committing. We do not bear false witness against anybody, about anything.

(4) The Communists believe that words should be used to conceal thoughts, and that promises are made to be broken. The John Birch Society believes that simple truth is the very core of morality; and that when we can persuade enough people to make truth the prerequisite to all statements and the accepted guide to all action, at least half of the world's problems will rapidly disappear.

(5) The Communists operate in secrecy and darkness. We follow the preponderant custom, among all American voluntary associations, of not publishing the list of our members. With that exception, The John Birch Society has absolutely no secrets of any kind.

(6) The Communists seek to break down all morality, all tradition, and to destroy the whole spiritual and esthetic sense of values which we have inherited. The Society believes that a reverent continuity in human affairs is of extreme importance; and that even the most desirable change should be made cautiously, in order to be sure that it constitutes improvement.

(7) The Communists believe that man is just a material combination of atoms, with no other purpose than satisfaction of the desires of the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

(8) The Communists — Lenin, Lunacharsky, and many other leaders — openly preach that "men must learn to hate," and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but

only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards ~~all men~~ should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

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The Communists also *pretend* to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future." We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us *now* in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

Introductory Packet \$ 1.00

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(A thorough introduction to the Society.)

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(Twelve famous books, in paperback editions, which give you a thorough introduction to the workings of the Communist conspiracy.)

ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS 50.00

(Twelve albums, of two full length records each, to be played in numbered sequence, which give you a comprehensive survey of all the subject matter of this advertisement.)

All prices postpaid. For the above materials, or simply to have somebody from the Society get in touch with you, write to the address given below.

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HAVE AN ODDITY: On the same day the John Birch Society took full-page ads in an effort to justify itself, newspapers carried the story that GOP leaders, meeting in Washington, unanimously adopted a resolution calling on Republicans to reject membership in all extremist or radical organizations. The attacks on the Birch Society by such leading Republicans as Senators Everett M. Dirksen and Thruston Morton, U.S. Rep. Gerald Ford, Governors George Romney and Robert Smylie and former Vice President Richard Nixon apparently are taking a membership toll.

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The Tiger's Whispers

The Republican Party Co-ordinating Committee set out, the other day, to dispose of the John Birch Society as a political issue. It succeeded only in pleasing the John Birch Society and almost nobody else.

This turn of events was surprising, for some Republican leaders had in the past roared like real tigers. Sen. Thruston Morton of Kentucky, chairman of the Senate Republican campaign committee, said a couple of months ago that the John Birch Society is "as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party," and Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of California said that the entire lunatic fringe in his native California is "a fanatical, neo-fascist mixture of corrosive hatred and sickening fear." And the national Republican chairman, Ray C. Bliss, said just last month that the head of the Birch Society, Robert Welch, is an "irresponsible radical."

Somehow, between then and now, the tiger stopped roaring. The co-ordinating committee adopted the sort of resolution that people adopt when they want to please everybody and offend nobody by coming on strong for God, country and mother. It merely advised all Republicans to shun membership "in any radical or extremist organization, including any which attempts to use the Republican Party for its own ends or any which seeks to undermine the basic principles of American freedom and constitutional government."

The society's pleasure in the resolution was expressed by its public relations director, John Rousselot. He said it was "wise of the Republican Party to make it clear that it doesn't seem to be influenced by extremist groups, such as the Communist Party or the Ku Klux Klan."

Perhaps the party did not want to offend some of its wealthy contributors, as various writers reported. Obviously, on the brink

of decision, it lost its nerve. And just as obviously the committee is annoyed by the reaction to its weakness. Former Rep. Robert Taft of Ohio made the curious explanation that if the party mentioned the Birchers by name, it would be implied that the Republicans had once been aligned with them (one does not necessarily imply that he has sinned if he condemns sin). The House minority leader, Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, snapped at reporters, "If John Rousselot endorsed the statement, I have grave doubts that he understands the full import of the statement."

The problem is that John Rousselot probably does understand its full import. So will many another American. The Republican Party still has the job to do. The sooner it does it, the better.

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Hard For GOP To Oust Birchers

WASHINGTON—The Republican leaders keep saying boo, but the John Birch Society just won't go away.

The party is having a hard time getting the tentacles of the John Birchers from around its neck.

It's not easy.

Probably one reason it's not easy is that the GOP leaders are not entirely united on whether they want to succeed.

This was the reason the extremists-get-out resolution had to be considerably watered down before it was finally passed by the Republican Coordinating Committee. In the end it didn't name any names—just said the GOP ought to "reject radical or extremist organizations." Instantly a spokesman for the John Birchers said he certainly agreed with that kind of resolution, but it couldn't mean them.



ROUSSELOT

The Republican leaders had not expected the Birch Society to like their resolution so much so soon. They were obviously taken aback when John Roussetot, its public relations director, said he thought the GOP was wise in not citing the Birchers because "they had never attempted to use the Republican Party for their own ends."

YOU WILL FIND Republicans who dispute that statement. One would be Sen. Karl Mundt (S.D.), who finds a Birchite candidate trying to unseat him in the primary next year because Mundt, one of the most conservative Republicans in Congress, isn't conservative enough.

In California the Birchers are so eager to get Ronald Reagan the Republican nomination for governor that they have offered him either support or opposition. "We'll openly endorse you," he was told, "or we'll openly oppose you—whichever you feel would help the most."

Rep. Gerald Ford (Mich.), House Republican leader, said that "if Mr. Roussetot endorsed our resolution, he couldn't have understood it."

That's the penalty which comes from resolutions which deal in generalities. Its anti-extremist resolution is a good beginning toward getting the GOP back to its political center, but it will have to make it stronger to make it stick.

In its only other resolution, the Republican Coordinating Committee couldn't have been more specific. It both endorsed and criticized the President's course in Viet Nam.

The position of the Republican leaders is that the administration is right in defending South Viet Nam but wrong in not doing more. They make two specific proposals:

1 An immediate naval quarantine of North Viet Nam to prevent military supplies from reaching its ports.

2 "Maximum use of U.S. air power against all significant military targets" in the north.

BY ADVANCING these proposals as official party policy, the Republicans are obviously getting ready to make the end of the war in Viet Nam a 1966 campaign issue—if it seems advantageous.



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There is no reason why they shouldn't. It is perfectly fair politics. And the Republicans can raise the issue—the issue of how well the administration is fighting the war—in good faith and in good conscience, because, more than some leading Democrats, they have supported strongly every measure the President has taken. They simply argue that he should be doing more.

It is, of course, easy to criticize when you don't have the responsibility for action—and for its consequences.

The issue will almost certainly not be as simple as the Republicans would like to make it. Take the quarantine proposal. The question is not alone whether a quarantine would be desirable in itself but whether it might do more harm by widening the war.

But it is well that the Republicans, as firm supporters of the defense of South Viet Nam, are bringing these matters into the open. They deserve to be fully explored and openly debated.

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A Matter of Character

Readers of this newspaper know well its position on the John Birch Society and its philosophy and tactics.

But the John Birch Society is not what is wrong with the Republican Party.

What's wrong with the GOP was eloquently illustrated last week when the Republican Co-ordinating Committee, given a chance to take a clear stand on the JBS, elected to weasel instead. Condemning "extremism," it let extremists off the hook. It did so after reportedly being warned that a specific Birch condemnation would antagonize some important party contributors. It was of a piece with the Goldwater managers' refusal in 1964 to disown the support of the Ku Klux Klan.

What comes through loud and clear from all this is the picture of a political party that doesn't know its own mind, that peers timorously over its shoulder, that greedily begs for scraps wherever it can find them.

This is a long, long way from the party of Lincoln—a party that through most of the years of its life has made up its mind what it stood for and taken its positions boldly. It has stood, for most of those years, for conservatism without the frenzy and fear of the far-out "isms." It has taken its broad-gauge and considered positions—as it did as late as the 1960 platform—and gone out and sought support on those positive principles. It has, for most of those years, kept itself attuned to the dynamics of progress. Through most

of those years its watchword has been courage, not fear.

It is a major irony that the present plague of timorousness should have overtaken the party at a moment when great issues and vigorous young leaders are both at hand, ready to give the Grand Old Party a new lease on life. It is a further irony that the most vigorous young Republican New York City has seen in decades should have found his main obstacles in the mayoral race within his own party, not outside

of it. And it is not less ironical that no sooner did Charles H. Percy put his political future in the balance in declaring for senator in Illinois than whispers arose of some shadowy "nuisance" candidate who might split off Republican votes and thus serve the opponent's cause.

Happily, there appears no serious prospect of such a thing developing here. As a matter of fact, there are hopeful signs that Illinois Republicans will close ranks in 1966 and make a real contest of a race that would otherwise be a shoo-in for the powerful Democratic incumbent.

The Illinois GOP, if it accomplishes this, can do itself a signal service, but it can do more than that: It can set an example of unity and common purpose that will provide an inspiration for the national party. And in so doing it can demonstrate to bright and able young aspirants here and everywhere that the Republican Party still has the courage and wisdom to compete in the big league.

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Birch Front Aims To 'Expose' Rights Drive

By Julius Duscha

Washington Post Special

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The John Birch Society is organizing a nationwide campaign to set up front groups opposed to the civil rights movement. The groups are called TACT — Truth About Civil Turmoil — and their operations are being directed from the society's western headquarters in this Los Angeles County community.

Literature being distributed by the society says the TACT committees are organized "by concerned local citizens for the sole purpose of helping their patriotic neighbors to understand and expose what is behind the riots and lawlessness of the so-called civil rights movement."

Headed By Former PR Man

Directing this and the prospering Birch Society's other organizing and money-raising activities is 38-year-old John H. Rousselot, a former public relations man and Republican congressman who is regarded as the heir apparent to the society founder, Robert Welch. Rousselot runs the society's western office.

In the Birch Society's Janu-

ary bulletin, Welch emphasized the importance of the TACT campaign.

Welch noted that there have been few civil rights demonstrations in recent months but said that "this may be only a lull in the storm" because "you can be sure that the Com-

munist behind the civil rights fraud are not going meekly to drop, for long, so vitally important a part of their total strategy of subversion."

Set Up Meetings In L.A.

TACT committees in the Los Angeles area have organized a series of nightly meetings over a three-week period be-

ginning Jan. 17. The featured speaker will be Leonard Patterson, a Negro who was a member of the Communist Party in the 1930s and is now a lecturer for the Birch Society.

Nowhere in a four-page brochure describing the meetings is the Birch Society mentioned.

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THE RADIO-TV BEAT: The John Birch Society is launching a radio campaign with ~~specialty~~ prepared 15-minute programs. ~~Members~~ are being asked to sponsor the shows in their local communities. . .

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for the John Birch Society, 600 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois, visited the office today and offered his services, stating that he would gladly furnish the names of all members plus the Communist Party publications they subscribe to in their line of work. In addition, he stated that if the FBI desired any information concerning the John Birch Society, he would be more than happy to cooperate.

He also stated that he is going to use excerpts of the Director's message in the January, 1965 FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin when he participates in the Tom Clark Radio Program on February 18, 1966, which will feature "Support Your Police Department".

[REDACTED] was thanked for his offer and was furnished no information.

Action: For information.

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B'nai B'rith Report Views Birch Society

The John Birch society today "appears to be a permanent fixture on the American political scene, at least for the foreseeable future," according to the current issue of "Facts," a report by the Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"Whether it can be quarantined on the fringe of the American political spectrum depends in large measure on American conservatives," the report concluded.

Updates League's Book

The report is the result of a year-long study of the strength, organization, and activities of the Birch society. It updates the league's recent book, "Danger on the Right," said A. Abbott Rosen, director of the league's Chicago executive offices.

"What is of concern . . . is the damage the Birch society can do to the democratic climate and process before the good sense and sober moderation of the American people lay it to rest and render it a mere footnote in the history books of the future," the report said.

"Some Members Elected"

The report noted that some Birch society members already have been elected to public office, and others are candidates.

Membership in the society has swelled to more than 80,000 in 5,000 chapters across the nation, the report said.

"Chicago, with 15 chapters, has been an area of disappointment to the society," it said. "But recruitment has gone much better in such north shore suburbs as Glenview, Evanston, Mount Prospect, and Northbrook.

"Yet, there are four Birch bookstores in greater Chicago and a fifth in Rockford . . . which, with some 20 chapters, has for several years been a Birch stronghold. Early in 1965, the society opened its midwest headquarters in Glenview. There has been little Birch strength downstate."

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John Birch Society members may be welcome on the New York police force, but they're not in Chicago. New York's new Police Comr. Harold Leary caused eyebrows to raise with his statement that he planned to permit his policemen to belong to the Birch Society "if membership did not impair their efficiency." The Chicago Police Department, while not naming the Birch Society, has adopted the principle of "not encouraging membership in any extremist organization."

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Bircher Role In Girl Scout Rift Hinted

By Jerome Watson

Officials of the Glenview Girl Scout Council will meet Thursday to decide the validity of an election that has triggered 13 resignations from the council.

Should the election, held Feb. 3, be declared void and a new one scheduled, the latest act in a drama that has split the council could be rewritten.

Behind a confusing power struggle that has engulfed Girl Scouting in the prosperous North Shore community (pop. 25,000) lies an unusual story of rumor, hostility and fear.

Few of those involved in council affairs are willing to discuss the crisis in detail. Those who will talk insist on remaining anonymous.

The most widely circulated report is that members of the John Birch Society—which has its Midwest headquarters in Glenview—helped mount a last-minute telephone campaign that defeated four slated candidates for council offices.

A spokesman for the Glenview office of the society denied the existence of any plot "to take over" the Girl Scouts.

"Every time a member of

the society gets involved in something as a citizen, all of a sudden it becomes a John Birch Society project," he said.

The defeated candidates were chosen by a nominating committee whose slate traditionally has been elected automatically at small turnout meetings.

It is not clear why the Feb. 3 election was contested or whether the four candidates elected by a close vote after their nomination from the floor even sought office.

The defeated presidential candidate, Mrs. R. W. Wilcox, refused to discuss any aspect of the conflict. So did the elected president, Mrs. William Klein.

But Jeanette Inness, elected a council delegate to the Girl Scout national convention in one of the contested races, termed the resignations simply the result of "women being petty."

She added: "This whole thing is just a matter of personalities. It'll blow over."

However, one official who resigned said "intense pressures" were applied to the nominating committee in an effort to control slatemaking.

She refused to say what the

pressures were, but added:

"There's something a lot bigger than personalities or the Girl Scouts involved in this. I'm not sure a new election will help. I think something has to explode."

Another one of the resignees said, "This was a dirty election. No one wants to talk about it, because we want to protect the 1,500 girls in the council. But people are afraid."

The word "fear" popped up frequently in conversations with those who quit the council. Part of the apprehension is that the current rift may cause the council—and member troops—to disintegrate.

"I can tell you that if this thing isn't resolved, a lot of troop leaders are going to quit at the end of this year," said another official who resigned.

"A handful of people brought this (election contest) about," she said. "Some leaders went along with the dissenters unwittingly. I was stupid. I heard about the telephone campaign, but I dismissed it and went off to play bridge."

About half the 200 leaders and officials who were eligible to vote attended the Feb.

3 election meeting. A council officer said the turnout usually is smaller.

A Glenview clergyman who witnessed the blowup said some "unfortunate rumors" were floated during the short election campaign.

"I've never seen anything like this happen in a mild organization such as the Girl Scouts," he said. "Everyone wonders whether Birchers are behind this."

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Resignations have been submitted by these officers and leaders:

Mrs. William Murdock, first vice president; Mrs. W.

D. Wallace, treasurer; Mrs. John Page, council member at large; Mrs. Robert Avery, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Donald Richter, west neighborhood chairman; Mrs. Richard Reimer, east neighborhood chairman; Mrs. Walter Mroz, camp chairman; Mrs. B. A. Burnside, midtown chairman.

Mrs. Bernard Paugels, member at large; Mrs. Charles Strissel and Mrs. Raymond Glassman, nominating committee members; Mrs. David Hillstrom, Troop 52 leader, and Mrs. Lester Budz, Cadette organizer for the midtown area.

Bircher Dispute

Scout Election Raises Stir In Glenview

BY RAYMOND R. COFFEY

Suburban Glenview was caught up Thursday in a tide of rumors linking the superconservative John Birch Society to an election contest that has divided the Glenview Girl Scout Council.

A spokesman for the Birch Society, which has its Midwest headquarters and many members in Glenview, denied that the organization has any project involving the Girl Scouts.

And woman leaders of the scouting program involved in the election controversy said they had no proof that the Birchers were involved.

Yet they and others in the community acknowledged that the rumors were persistent and growing.

"THERE ARE a lot of Birch Society members out here and some of them are very interested in the Girl Scouts," said one council member who resigned as a result of the election controversy.

But she said, "I couldn't say the society did anything deliberate about the election."

THE controversy grew out of an election Feb. 3 in which four persons, nominated from the floor, defeated candidates proposed by a nominating committee.

It was the first time the recommendations of a nominating committee had not been routinely accepted. And the election contest was preceded by an intense telephone campaign against the nominating committee's state.

Thirteen members of the council resigned in protest after the stormy Feb. 3 meeting.

FINALLY a special council meeting had been called for Thursday to determine if the Feb. 3 election was valid. But Wednesday council members were notified by phone that the meeting was canceled.

One of the members who resigned in protest said that "what we resented was the bypassing of the nominating committee."

She predicted that another election would be held and the problem would be resolved within a week.

Another protester, Mrs. Lina Glassman, commented: "There are rumors that the Birch Society people are infiltrating the Girl Scouts. I don't know about that. But I do know there is an infiltration by somebody."

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Glenview Girl Scout Council Asked To Rule In Vote Row

By Jerome Watson

The board of directors of the Glenview Girl Scout Council referred to the full council Thursday a decision on whether a recent, controversial election was valid.

Eleven members of the 21-member board — the minimum required for a quorum — met at Glenview's Adahi Camp Thursday. They voted unanimously to ask the full 296-member council to meet March 5 in an effort to resolve the issue.

Chairman at the meeting was Mrs. R. W. Wilcox, who was defeated for council president in the Feb. 2 board election. Absent was Mrs. William Klein, new president.

13 Have Resigned

Since the election, 13 members of the council have resigned in what has variously been described as a power struggle, a "matter of personalities" and infiltration by the John Birch Society.

Most prominent rumor is that the Birchers mounted a telephone campaign before the Feb. 2 election that defeat-

ed the four-woman slate of the council's nominating committee.

The nominating committee slate traditionally has been elected at small turnout meetings. It was defeated at the Feb. 2 election, at a meeting at which only about one-third of the council members were present.

Parliamentary Point

The attempt to void the election was prompted by a parliamentary decision that only the office of the president was open to nominations from the floor. Other officers filled were delegate-at-large and nominating committee members.

The John Birch Society has denied the existence of any plot "to take over" the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Klein Thursday issued a statement in which she said she was "not a member of the John Birch Society."

"It is regrettable," she said, "that the rumors concerning the election . . . have reached such proportions. These rumors are untrue, and distorted, and irreparable harm has been done to scouting in Glenview."

"I did not seek the office

of president. However, I was nominated from the floor and elected. I feel the election was completely legal and in compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the . . . council. The defeated candidate for president did herself move that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the elected slate, which was done."

Mrs. Klein added that "so far as I am concerned, I have no backing from any political organization, and I am not active in nor a member of any organization, political or otherwise."

Charges Rumors Damaging

Other members of the council, who declined to be quoted, said that however the crisis is resolved, the fact that Birch infiltration has even been rumored may cost the council "quite a few girls."

A number of calls from parents have been made to the council office in Glenview, a spokesman said, and at least one caller indicated she would resign her troop leader position because of the rumors.

At the Adahi Camp meeting

Thursday, the vote was 9 to 0 for referring the question of election validity to the full council. One member abstained from voting and the chairman, Mrs. Wilcox, did not vote.

Mrs. Wilcox said the board could have rescheduled the election, but decided to ask the membership for a decision. If the members decide the vote was invalid, she said, the council could vote immediately on new officers.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

On 2/27/66, JOHN O'CONNELL, Chief of Police,
Hoffman Estates, Illinois, Police Department, furnished
one copy of the following leaflet:

"Coming to Schaumburg.....
"Civil Rights
"Symposium
"March 4, 1966 - 8 P.M.
"Golden Acres Country Club
"(Roselle Road between Higgins and Schaumburg)

"Hear 5 quality speakers - each presenting a phase
of the Civil Rights Movement. Among the topics to be
covered are:

"Voting Rights/their relation to the Constitution
of the United States

"Negro Progress in America

such as: "Be on-hand to hear the answers to thrusting questions

"Is there Communist involvement in the Negro
Revolution?

"Do the Communists have a Civil Rights Program?

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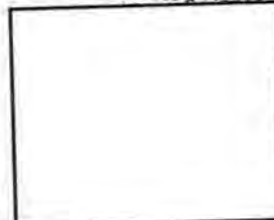
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"In view of great interest shown in the Civil Rights Movement at every level of our society. The John Birch Society, is honored to present documented facts to aid every American in arriving at a clearer understanding of the Civil Rights turmoil in which, we presently find ourselves embroiled.

"Sponsored by the Schaumburg Area members of the John Birch Society

"A donation of \$1.00 per person will be appreciated to help defray meeting expenses."

Chief O'CONNELL stated these leaflets are currently being distributed through gas stations in the Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg, Illinois, area.

On 2/27/66, MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, Police Department, advised that rental of the Golden Acres Country Club, which is actually in Schaumburg, Illinois, had been arranged for by one [redacted] Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Chief CONROY stated that no background or arrest information is available on [redacted] in police files of Hoffman Estates or Schaumburg, Illinois. He stated that inquiry by his department has developed that above described rally may be attended by as many as 200 to 250 persons. Nothing has come to the attention of police which would indicate trouble as a result of this rally.

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Above rally will be followed by Chicago through established sources solely for the purpose of being in a position to report any possible demonstrations that might evolve from this event. As noted, Chicago at this time has no information to indicate this meeting will be the source of any demonstrations or violence.

Meddling Of Reds, Washington Hurting Rights Cause—Welch

By Jerome Watson

Sun-Times Correspondent

URBANA—Robert Welch said Wednesday night that racial problems in the United States would be solved in "peace and freedom" except for Communist and federal government meddling.

The founder of the John Birch Society said racial strife is a result of a massive Communist conspiracy aided by "dopes and stooges" in public office and positions of influence.

Welch, 66, spoke before 6,000 in the University of Illinois Assembly Hall, but neither he nor his debate opponent, Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (D-Tex.), drew heavy applause.

Both speakers drew equal but infrequent applause as they discussed the topic, "Is the John Birch Society Beneficial to American Politics?"

Welch opened his remarks by stating that Birchers seek less government and more individual responsibility and are arrayed against forces that seek more government, less in-

dividual responsibility and an immoral world.

In rapid order Welch also:

1 Urged the United States to "unleash" Chiang Kai-shek, president of Nationalist China, on Red China.

2 Said democracy—"the worst form of government"—is being substituted for a republican form of government in the United States through a gigantic deception. He said this metamorphosis is being effected by liberals who have been cunningly misled by Communists.

3 Declared the creation of police review boards to be another Communist plot designed to frighten police and lead to a transfer of local police authority to an increasing tyrannical government.

nical government.

Yarborough attacked the Birch Society as an authoritarian organization similar to the Communist movement it opposes. He attempted to discredit the society by reading passages, without comment, from books written by Welch.

Yarborough noted that Welch had said President Franklin D. Roosevelt was used by Communists without his knowledge, that President Harry S. Truman was similarly used, and that Dwight D. Eisenhower was an active, conscious agent of communism while serving as president.

Yarborough said this stand alone proves that the Birch Society is not "beneficial to American politics."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 2/28/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel to Director, dated 2/28/66.

On 2/28/66 JOHN O'CONNELL, Chief of Police, Hoffman Estates Police Department, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, advised that records of that department indicate the following cars registered to [REDACTED] Hoffman Estates, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED]

1965 Oldsmobile

4 - door sedan. Blue

Illinois [REDACTED]

Hoffman Estates Veh. Lic. #224

1965 Chevrolet

Station Wagon. Green

Illinois [REDACTED]

Hoffman Estates Veh. Lic. #227

[REDACTED] rented Golden Acres Country Club, Schaumburg, Illinois, under his own name and paid a deposit of \$50.00. He provided the name of [REDACTED] Ill., telephone [REDACTED] in the event he could not be reached.

On 2/28/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois PD, advised that the only information available to him regarding [REDACTED] is the following:

[REDACTED]

Business telephone: [REDACTED]

Above submitted for information.

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Complainant IRENE SIMON		Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 2-16-66 Time 1:00 pm	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Birth date and Birthplace
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	Complexion				
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Facts of complaint
 Complainant advised that she had been using the telephone ~~box~~ in Union Station when she came across a picture postcard printed by the AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Massachusetts. She advised that the postcard showed a picture of "A Training School for Communists" on the picture side and listed 1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 2. [redacted] 3. [redacted] and 4. [redacted]

Complainant advised that she was very upset over finding such trash in the phone booth and wanted the F.B.I. to have the postcard for their files. She advised that she was on her way back to work from her lunch hour but she would mail the card to this office.

On 2-17-66, the above described postcard was received in the Chicago F.B.I. office along with a short letter and another postcard complainant found in the Union Station along with a hand drawn map of the Union Station area where she found the two attached postcards.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
536 S. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen,

I recently wrote to the Church League of America, of which I am a member, and asked for information on how I could subscribe to a publication entitled, "Political Affairs". They gave me this information and they also suggested that I write to you so that you would remove me from any future suspicion. A letter from you to this effect would be appreciated.

The reason why I think that I would like to obtain this publication is for the purpose of research and information, and not because I agree with the content. If I obtain this publication it would be read by several members of a home chapter of the John Birch Society, of which I am chapter leader.

Any advice or information that you can give me as to the advisability of subscribing to this publication will be appreciated.

In the same line but in regard to another communist publication, I think that I had better mention to you that one of my chapter members subscribes to the Worker for the same reason. This member's name is [redacted] Ill.

A short note from you, clearing her from future suspicion, probably would be a good thing to have.

Thank you very much,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel dated 2/23/66.

On 3/8/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, advised that the rally sponsored by captioned organization and described in referenced communication was held as scheduled on the evening of 3/4/66. Approximately 50 to 60 persons were in attendance at this rally held at the Golden Acres Country Club in Schaumburg, Illinois. The rally commenced at approximately 7:30 p.m. and terminated at approximately 11:30 p.m. that date and was held without incident. No counter demonstrations were held and those in attendance dispersed following termination of the rally. Chief CONROY stated that he has received no information indicating that the rally would cause any type of unrest in the community nor has he knowledge that further activities of captioned organization are scheduled for Schaumburg, Illinois.

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to this office, which is being made a matter of record in this office. For your information, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a fact-finding investigative agency and it is not within the prescribed functions of this Bureau to grant clearances.

Your interest in writing as you have is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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H. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 3/10/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On February 15, 1966, [REDACTED]
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chicago, furnished SA [REDACTED]
via mail, one copy of "Facts", dated February, 1966,
published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai
B'Rith, with the subcaption "The John Birch Society -
1966". This item will be filed as 100-36671-1A14.

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DATE: 3/8/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtels dated 2/28/66 and 3/8/66.

On 3/8/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, advised of information regarding a rally of captioned organization which rally was held on 3/4/66 at Golden Acres Country Club, Schaumburg, Illinois. This information is reported in referenced airtel of 3/8/66. b6
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In addition, Chief CONROY advised that [REDACTED] Schaumburg, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] are reportedly quite active in that area in behalf of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED] is employed by [REDACTED] Illinois. [REDACTED] first name unknown, is employed by a firm in [REDACTED] Illinois. This firm also employs several policemen of [REDACTED]

Above submitted for information and possible future reference.

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Quit, GOP Asks Reputed Bircher

The Republican Central Committee of Dundee Twp., Kane County, said Tuesday night it will ask a precinct committeeman to resign for alleged affiliation with the John Birch Society.

The action was taken at a closed executive session of the

committee. Eighteen of the 23 committeemen were present.

A letter is to be sent to Walter Sasenberg asking for his resignation. According to Gene Nelson, committee secretary, Sasenberg had stated in public recently that he was a member of the ultraconservative group.

He declined to comment.

The committee stated in a resolution that it "does not endorse the John Birch Society and repudiates all other extremist organizations and any persons who may be affiliated with such actions of these organizations."

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Complainant [Redacted]			Complainant's address and [Redacted]		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>2/6/66</u> Time <u>10:00PM</u>	
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Complainant called and said he wanted to be contacted by Agent [Redacted]. He advised that he had been contacted before by Agent [Redacted] re the John Birch Society. He advised that he was suppose to attend a meeting at the Holliday Inn in just north of Peru Ill. on 1/28/66 however he did not attend. He advised that he has again been contacted by a man by Name [Redacted] (LNU) who said he was from Peru, Ill. This person said he wanted to know why he never attended the last meeting. He wants him to attend another meeting but never mentioned the place. He said he had some movies to show him.

~~Copy~~ Complainant stated he wanted to help the FBI but does not know what to do and wants some advise.

He said he could be contacted at home or at his place of employment, [Redacted] Ill.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 3/21/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On February 8, 1966, SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] to advise him that he would be personally contacted by SA [REDACTED] when he was again in LaSalle, Illinois.

On March 7, 1966, [REDACTED] advised that he had been contacted by a [REDACTED] (phonetic) to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society to be held at the Holiday Inn, LaSalle, Illinois. He stated that he did not attend this meeting and was subsequently contacted by [REDACTED] to find out why he hadn't.

[REDACTED] said he was concerned as to whether or not he should attend meetings of this organization.

[REDACTED] was advised that the FBI could not advise him in this matter and that what ever course of action he took would be of his own choice. He was told that this organization was of no investigative interest to the FBI but that if he wanted to voluntarily furnish information to the FBI about any matter he felt would be of interest he could do so by contacting the writer or FBI, Chicago.

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[Redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Streetn
Chicago, Illinois

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ON 2-14-80

Dear [Redacted]

I spoke to you over the telephone at approximately 1:15 P.M. today regarding the enclosed post card which yours truly found in the West Concourse of the Union Station phone booth - Dearborn 2-8338.

Previously the writer has sent you information found in the same booth.

The two enclosed items are the front and back of said postcard found today. I am keeping the original and should have erased your phone number and the phone number of the booth I first called you in; before making XEROX copies of same.

If you have further questions you wish to ask of me, I can be reached at # [Redacted]

Sincerely,

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40865)
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS, OF AMERICA (DCA)
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1 - 100-36671 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

REMARKS

[REDACTED] has been furnishing information to the Chicago Office. He is not being considered [REDACTED] development because he holds "ultra-right" views and it is not believed he could be controlled. However, he has been advised the FBI will be happy to receive any information he has that he feels might be of interest to the FBI. [REDACTED] because of his "ultra-right" views is afforded no direction by the Chicago Office. The report furnished by him concerning the above mentioned meeting is being retained in CG 100-40865-1B. *CU*

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[redacted] furnished the following information on 3/7/66 concerning the meeting of the National Coordinating Committee of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America held at the DuBois Freedom Center, 2908 West Madison St., Chicago, Illinois, on February 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1966:

AGENDA FOR NCC

Friday, February 25 -

1. Keynote speech
2. Finances
3. Upcoming tours of Nat'l officers
4. Moving Nat'l office to Chicago
5. Miscellaneous

Saturday, February 26 -

1. Peace
2. Civil Rights
3. Economic Program
4. Summer Project & Community Development
5. Nat'l Action

Sunday, February 27 -

1. Campus
2. Convention
3. Leadership
4. Publications
5. Structure
6. Miscellaneous

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PERSONS ATTENDING THE DU BOIS NCC MEETING

NAT'L EXEC. OFFICERS

- [] - Chairman (Los Angeles)
- [] - Organizational Secretary (LA)
- [] - Educational Director (LA)
- [] - Publications Director; Ed. of
"Spur" (LA)
- [] - Office Mgr.; Acting Ed. of
"Insurgent" (LA)

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REGIONAL STAFF

- [] - Western Division
Co-Ordinator
- [] - Eastern Division Co-Ordinator
- [] - Southwestern Co-Ordinator
- [] - Editor: The Organizer
- [] - Northwestern Co-Ordinator

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[redacted] - West Coast Co-Ordinator (LA)

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[redacted] New York, N.Y.

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] - Member of Standing Committee
of NCCTEWN - friend of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Seattle, Washington.

[redacted] Chicago (Roosevelt Univ.)

[redacted] - Chicago [redacted]

[redacted] - Chicago, Ill.

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Couple - University of Indiana

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] - Chicago (West Side Freedom
Center)

[redacted] - Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] - Baltimore, Md.

[redacted] - Detroit, Mich. (Wayne State)

[redacted] -

[redacted] Chicago, Ill.

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[Redacted]
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[Redacted]
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Oregon State (Just moved to Chicago)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Chicago (U of C)

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SOME MEMBERS WHO COULDN'T ATTEND NCC MEETING

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Chicago, Ill. (U of C)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Southern Co-Ordinator

[Redacted]

Berkeley DuBois Club

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Chairman, Haight Ashbury
Project,
San Francisco, Calif.

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Berkeley DuBois Club

[redacted]

Western & Regional Director
of the Nat'l Comm. to Abolish
HUAC

[redacted]

(Univ. of Wisc.) SDS, NCCTEWN

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Albuquerque, N. Mexico

[redacted]

[redacted]

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FRIDAY

1. KEYNOTE SPEECH - [redacted]

"The whole movement to the left has reached a crucial turning point ... with the Greensboro Operation, the McCarron-Walter Act Revision and the Peace Overtures... mainly because these were obvious problems & people felt that they had a moral commitment. The primary problem facing these people is that the main issues have been conceded and the system has given as much as it's going to give... and now they realize that the whole system has to be abolished ... thru force! U

"A movement is not just one organization ... but a number of groups... A movement has to be flexible ... & the DuBois Clubs (DBC) even though it is a group...it is also a movement; a movement for goals - political & economic...and it must be flexible to new ideas. 2U

"The DBC should turn its attention from the university community to the working class youth. The base has to be broad and in order to do this it has to approach the unemployed & working class youth because they are the ones subjected to the evils of capitalism ...and really know capitalism ...and it is here that we as a socialist youth organization should go. 2U

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"Working-class youth will bring an economical approach to the problem...and here we need not a moral approach, but a concrete one!" ~~CU~~

MISC. COMMENTS

[] - "Speaking about the new level of the Civil Rights Movement is, as I understand it ... no longer dealing with moral, but economics ... such as job description, poverty and things like that...and very profitable for descrimination is the fact that people who gave money to it before do not contribute anymore." ~~CU~~

[] - "What is the role of the DBC ...What role do we play and just who are we fighting?" ~~CU~~

[] - "I think we can't think of the DBS as leading the new movement...but, father, we should enhance the movements that already exist." ~~CU~~

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COMMENT

[] often referred to the DuBois Clubs as-"my" organization...taking much credit for its organization. In actuality, the predecessor of DBC was the Communist Labor Youth League.) ~~CU~~

2. FINANCES - []

"This organization has since September been working with a full-time staff of 5 officers...we have also lost our fund raisers....our budget is \$15,000/ year and we are markedly near that figure now." ~~CU~~

Specific problems:

1. Most of the people in the Nat'l Office (N.O) have not received any pay for some time. ~~CU~~
2. No trip - no funds.
3. No issues as funds from bulk mailings. ~~CU~~
4. Over-all cost of running a nat'l organization... a realistic estimate for the summer project & convention is \$7,000.]

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3. TOURS OF NAT'L OFFICERS - HUGH FOWLER

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"Try to start a nat'l campaign to raise funds, I will be in the Midwest the end of March...and [] will be in the East Coast primarily to raise funds at that time!" *XU*

4. MOVING THE NAT'L OFFICE - []

"We have to completely move the entire Nat'l Office into Chicago by May 15th...in order to get things operating smoothly for the Nat'l Convention & the Summer Project. We have not as yet found an office but our Chicago contacts are working on that now." *XU*

[] - We would really rather have everything set up by May Day...That gives us just two months to complete this task...I have contacted a prominent person who owns offices in Chicago... and who once fought for the Spanish Civil War in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade... He is very tired, having fought for our movement many years.... but maybe we can persuade him... to give us office space! I think the Loop area would be a fine location because it is the nucleus of activity in the Midwest. *XU*

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[] - I disagree...I think we should locate in a ghetto area so we can relate to the working class youth. I think that areas on the near north, near west or near south sides of Chicago would be ideal for our purpose. We in New York are in the process of moving our freedom center because of harrassment by police & right wingers... in a slum area we will be protected by the Ghetto youth from fascist attacks. *XU*

[] - We should find a location in the ideal non-slum area...because we already have a freedom center in the kind of area you suggest. Our new nat'l office should be in the center of activity and easily accessible in all cases for all our contacts. *XU*

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[] - We will be situated by May 15th...for sure. *CU*

5. MISCELLANEOUS

[] - We in the New York DuBois Clubs have been given a large plot of land in the New York suburbs...We have the title. The question is... what do we do with this land....build a summer camp or what? The man that left us the land is very sympathetic to our cause and really surprises us with the gift...still, we would rather have the cash! *CU*

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COMMENTS:

(Friday nite...during the program several men & a girl came in and sat in a corner and proceeded to watch the gathering intently. I asked [] who they were and he said they were members of the Chgo. Communist Party. *CU*

During a break, everyone was talking casually when I overheard [] saying that the general background of everyone at the meeting was that they graduated from CORE to SNCC to DuBois Clubs...He was saying that leadership would never attract ghetto Negro youth unless they injected soul & religion into the movement. *CU*

[] suggested that we work more closely with the groups in Chicago that were in the same movement working toward the same revolution. We can only win in this struggle, he said, if we interchange ideas & tactics. Some of the groups that he mentioned as being already linked & working with the DuBois Freedom Center to win over the Ghetto Negroes were: *CU*

The S.C.L.C. (KING), C.C.C.O (RABY), Urban League, Wider Community Staff (BEUAL), Chgo. Comm. for American-Soviet Friendship, I.V.I. & the American-Friends Service Committee...among others. *CU*

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During the break, [] was talking with [] from Seattle (who stated during the discussion that she had been in The Movement for ten years) and he was telling of the progress being made in the movement in Chicago. He mentioned a number of individuals who were speaking at meetings & gatherings to help the cause. 44

Some of the names were: []
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[] & others. 44

I talked with [] about how things were going in the South. He mentioned that he had been active all over the country, but the South was the place The Party was most interested in taking over, especially Mississippi & Alabama. He said that he had trained with freedom fighters & learned quite a bit from KING's buddy, BAYARD RUSTIN, who was a communist. [] said that the SNCC workers in the south were all armed with pistols & shotguns and looked forward to the coming revolution. He said they weren't afraid of people or the police because Federal laws made it possible for SNCC & other groups like the MFDP & Deacons for Defense & Justice to operate without too much fear of retaliation. He said that the only thing the civil rights & peace movement people feared in the South were the John Birch Society members who flooded the key areas of importance with anti-communist literature, and slowed up the movement. 44

[] said that the probable date for the coming revolution would be on the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution... October, 1967! He said that since he had been pretty active in the South & on the coast, he could feel pretty optimistic about the future of socialism in America. 44

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I played dumb most of the time... (which is my normal state anyway)... and asked various people basic questions about the future of the movement & our role in the revolution. [] said, "The King Drive which we will be a part of, will be the most important & decisive political movement... since 1931! It will be the most important civil rights drive in the history of the movement toward the Revolution." 74

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SATURDAY

1. PEACE - []

"It is difficult to think of any magic victory for the movement as long as there is a war in Viet Nam... the same of the economic implications."

I. War in Viet Nam is to sustain & increase our influence in Asia.

A. Not recognizing NLF (Viet Cong)

B. Having ignored interest in the industries & economic growth of Viet Nam.

II. The Lies

A. Refusal to withdraw troops.

B. The Building of permanent bases in Viet Nam.

Some positive peace leads:

1. The Gruening Amendment (pro-Viet Cong)

2. The Kennan Statement (pro-Viet Cong)

3. The Foreign Relations Committee Hearings & Statements made by other officials.

4. The Kennedy Statement (pro-Viet Cong)

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How do we take advantage of these "positive" leads?

1. Sen. WAYNE MORRIS has to be quoted!
2. Sen. GRUENING is second who should be quoted a lot, because of his Selective Service Act. Amendment.
3. Challenge Candidate in your area to debates & peace candidate to debate with incumbants.
4. The key issue of Viet Nam is recognition of N.L.F. (Viet Cong)
5. President JOHNSON continues to say that he is willing to comply to the Geneva accords of 1954, yet he refuses to talk with the N.L.F., using for example that the French did talk to the Viet Minh in order to end the Indo-China war but that talks failed.

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Working Class Youth & Peace

Working class youth are not as a whole interested in the war in Viet Nam. They are interested primarily in economic goals - jobs or job-training, etc. We have to relate to these people that the war in Vietnam is drawing off the funds that would be used for a more democratic and socialist America, and using them to fight the illegal capitalist war of aggression. Slogan -- "End Foxholes. End Ratholes."

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--- There is a change...and I would like to comment more...at one time there was the temporary demonstrations, marches & protests...now we have the National Council of Churches on our side & the American Civil Liberties Union...we have the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, with Sen. FULLBRIGHT & MORSE on our side & we have the tremendous KENNEDY statements about blood & recognition for the NLF. I think now the protests should be constant... leafleting, petitioning & debates. I think the DBC should back peace candidates, and if there is no

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peace candidate, Democrat or Republican, the DBC should raise the question during the campaign. **4U**

[] [] People's Foreign Policy... that foreign people affect American people...and that all people should take more interest... should be emphasized. [] has come out for the NCC of the DBC because we reach the people at the Gov't level. Letters to Congressmen are important in influencing the stand in Vietnam. **4U**

How in the (obs) can you expect people to want peace in Vietnam when they can't even find peace here on Saturday night....I propose a NLF (Viet Cong) in this country and speak for the people who feel they don't have a place in American society. **4U**

[] "We should organize a Nat'l Liberation front in the ghetto. All you (obs) white folks don't have any substance to your discussion... what the hell are all you white folks about? ... What are you going to do? Don't just sit here and talk and have no plan of action!" **4U**

[] - try to relate the movement to the people. Stay away from the radical statements such as: "Support the N.L.F.," "Kill the President," etc. Instead, deal directly with issues that affect them. **4U**

[] 1a.) Build up the movement around the issue of the draft. A large number of young men are faced with the draft...they find it hard to get jobs when classified 1-A. **4U**

1b) Call for a united Viet Nam...call for a complete withdrawal of all foreign armed forces from Viet Nam. **4U**

[] 1a) Stop all this (obs) condescending in thinking that all you (obs) college students are the only ones who can understand the real danger and threat of the U.N. war. **4U**

1b) The DuBois Club must be able to deal with all

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opposition of the war...such as...those against the draft...those against the resumption of the hostility in Vietnam. *CU*

How will peace movement relate to Economics Program?

A. Relate Viet Nam war with problem of community such as: 1. Mobilize masses around issue of interest...such as "War on Poverty," Jobs, etc.

2. Relate to community the fact that the "War on Poverty" and "Job Corps" are being cut-back because of the Vietnam war. *CU*

3. Print out reasons for the cut-back of poverty funds is because of Viet Nam aggression.

If we do not relate the war to inflation, higher taxes, blood, we will not gain their whole support. Sponsor a "180 sec. for peace" prayer, or march.

A. Community Approach

1. Ramparts Magazine -- on the draft.
2. Radio programs.
3. Opposition to examination on campus, that possibly would tend to make lawbreakers ineligible for the draft.
4. Backing the Gruening Amendment by Petition.
5. Try to get people into History, Civilization & similar classes to talk about Viet Nam. *CU*

6. The issues of democracy and of civil liberty are important to university & intellectual circles...we should therefore sponsor opposition to university giving grades of students to Selective Service boards.

7. "Does He Mean It" pamphlet - distributed

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B. COMMUNITY

1. Comparative scale of food prices six months ago to show inflation.
2. Black or white banners for those who would rather have peace than war.
3. The draft program - passed out at churches, ballgames, parks.
4. Film by [] (free) & talks by []
[] (if we pay his way)

C. RELATING A & B

Make it seem that A & B are the white folks and colored folk.

[] The DuBois Clubs have to find an approach that relates to people and their jobs.

[] - By the way ...Congressman PHIL BURTON will introduce our "Nat'l Youth Act" in Congress shortly before our Nat'l Action Youth March on Washington on August 28th.

[] - What about Senate or Peace Hearings on Campuses by soldiers in military...people from local areas?

[] - We have expected to have [] here with us at this NCC but he had a much more important commitment elsewhere. His trip to North Vietnam and his article, "Eyewitness to Viet Nam," should be reprinted and distributed in quantity...I wish you could hear him tell the story about the downed American plane & the pilot...it's really great. I'll read an excerpt from the Nov.-Dec. "Insurgent," that should really arouse the people to our movement.

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It refers to the tortures suffered by [redacted]

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[redacted] with the approval of the United States in 1956-57. "... [redacted] is a native of a village near Danang, the U.S. principal air base in So. Viet Nam. In the years 1956-57, she witnessed many tortures against her compatriots, a common experience for peasants in [redacted] 'Bastion of Democracy.' Children were torn in two by their legs; pregnant women were used for target practice; draft dodgers were disemboweled. Every day [redacted] would find bodies of children and villages floating in the river, killed by puppet troops trained in the United States. & U

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"She was moved to write a letter to the Int'l Control Commission, set up by the Geneva agreements, asking to testify as a witness to crimes against the village population. Five days later [redacted] was arrested, and for the next two years underwent constant torture. She was hung by her arms from the ceiling with electrodes applied to her privates. Bamboo stakes were shoved into her and burning irons were jabbed into her skin and twisted. She was buried up to her neck in excrement for days at a time. & U

"After two years of torture, Liberation Front guerrillas freed her and she was brought to the North. She was sent for awhile to the Soviet Union and to China to undergo medical treatment, but to this day she still requires regular blood transfusions because of loss of blood. Her nervous system is shot and she cannot retain consciousness regularly. It is now eight years since her arrest." & U

If we can get the truth about the war in Viet Nam into the hands of enough people by exposing the atrocities of the United States imperialists... the people will help us in the coming revolution. & U

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[] - Let me reiterate at this time the position of the DuBois Clubs of America as adopted at last summer's Nat'l Coordinating Committee meeting in Chicago. Our position paper called for: &U

An immediate end of U.S. aggression in South Vietnam. &U

Ending of the bombing raids against North Vietnam. &U

Immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and the dismantling of all U.S. military bases in Vietnam. &U

Honoring and application of the 1954 Geneva accords to enable the people of Vietnam to decide their own future. &U

Until such time as free elections can be conducted, the recognition of the Nat'l Liberation Front is the only true representative of the South Vietnamese people. &U

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COMMENTS:

[] was recently a guest in North Viet Nam of HO Chi Minh who at that time announced that he had made [] his honorary nephew. [] was also []

[] generally wears a Viet Cong campaign hat & he wears a ring fashioned from metal taken from a downed American aircraft). &U

2. CIVIL RIGHTS - [] U

"I am sure that Vietnam is the most important aspect of the civil rights movement and the people's struggle. Let us examine the exception to the rule: &U

"Tactics - 1. After 'spontaneous' demonstrations occur throughout the country...the masses will be conditioned to take what is to follow in stride. &U

"2. We figured that if a sit-in could bust a store, a massive stall-in could break a city or a state." &U

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Take existing jobs or create new ones... existing jobs are very few and there is high unemployment...this tends to lose some of the allies of the system who don't want to lose their jobs. &U

-- New Direction: As we move closer and closer to the direct confrontation with the system... we must make new allies in trade unions & other left organizations...and demand job creation. Tactic - direct action by force and the moral question. &U

Leadership - should be composed of former college activists who are now working-class youth. &U

-Those who have been fighting to help pass act -- inject into '66 elections. &U

"...with the war going as it is, by summer's end, every poverty group in America will be ready for this as a result of cuts in budgets, fights to get poor on the boards!" &U

[] - We must all rally in support of KING and the SCLC because he is the key to our success...if we are to be successful in our common struggle, we must look to the civil rights movement to carry us along...to the revolution. I will find support from some old friends of my mother's; in the trade unions for the DBC movement... but I might have to be careful because right now... on the coast...my case is pending before the Board of Regents and there might be a hang-up! &U

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[] - Another aspect of the civil rights movement is the fact that we should lead the cause against "police brutality" this summer. As we stated in our booklet, "The Fire This Time," far too often the police make no pretense of impartiality where Negroes are concerned. Many police officers consider it their job not only to enforce the law but also to enforce "white supremacy"

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and keep the Negroes in their place. If beatings are routine, then humiliating tactics are automatic... rarely is a Negro stopped by police for any infraction of the law without being thoroughly searched and called degrading names. In the Watts area of Los Angeles, the policemen of the 77th District refer to their night sticks as "niggernockers." 40

I will read further the statement of []

[] "... I have been on the battlefields for the last three days and I have not met one single person who did not express a dislike for the police... on one occasion I saw between 8 & 10 policemen kicking a young man, opening up his skull. This took place in an alley at 4:30 Friday morning... earlier that morning I saw the police rush into the area and start swinging their clubs and attacking 1,000 innocent people, many of whom were sitting in their front yards witnessing the events... Sat., I saw policemen stop their cars at 62nd and San Pedro, draw their guns on two young Negroes and brutally attack them..." You take a large group of people....confine them to an area...deny them decent jobs, education...and housing. Allow the shopkeepers and chain stores to cheat them & hold back financial aid...and, if the residents of the ghetto are black, make sure that the police are not. - We must help in the general call for civilian police review boards...This is a crucial item in this summer's program. New York is getting one thanks to []...and now we're going to get one... thanks to KING! 40

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[] --"On a selective basis, I think it would be good to have those Midwest Summer Workers who are free to come into Chicago and other areas for about a week or ten days to get a sense of what life is really like in the area and what an organizer really does." 40

[] - "This could take place a month or so before the project...before people are sent on to other areas -- N.Y. or other centers could be used as well." 40

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[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] They recently led and controlled
the Berkeley Protest March on Oakland terminal...
using 15,000 marchers... They are both on intimate
terms with admitted communist [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] *UV*

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3. ECONOMIC PROGRAM - [redacted] *UV*

I. I think that most of us have been waiting
for this discussion. In just two years, we have
grown to an organization of 2,500 people with 50
chapters. *UV*

II. Why is it that an organization named after
the father of Negro struggle has an enrollment
just less than half of its total made up of Negroes? *UV*

Why is it that an organization built to improve
the working class Negro youth fails largely in this
task? *UV*

III. Last summer marked a turning point for
this organization's summer project. *UV*

- The result of the summer project has been a
hammering out of a new program. *UV*

- Our approach is not only to working class
youth and activist youth, but to all youth and
activist people. But, basically our approach... is
to working class youth. *UV*

1) Conditions for many of America's young
people are literally unbearable. *UV*

2) The result is to maintain the old tradition
- 1965 - 50% of unemployed persons under 21 *UV*

- 3 times national average *UV*

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- 1/4 of them Negro males
- 1/3 of them Negro females,
- What has been the solution?

-the drafting of these young people!

We propose:

- The creation of the Nat'l Youth Advance.
- Stipend & scholarship for students
- Unemployment insurance for 1st time job holder
- A higher minimum wage.

IV. Success & Failure - is based in program.

A. First...A clubhouse (Freedom center)

1. Contact local street gangs ...church groups, car clubs, etc.

B. The war on poverty should be criticized for being evil to the poor because they don't get that money...the Federal Govt has a responsibility to make jobs & make income for people who don't have them.

4. PROPOSALS -- our main emphasis should be on jobs.

1. Initiate research in jobs & employment in community...jobs & trade union Sect. & community sect.

2. Initiate summer project on jobs & employment in industrial areas like Baltimore, Chicago, Youngstown, Cleveland, Watts, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and South Los Angeles.

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3. August 28, 1966 - that the summer project be culminated with a march on Washington for a real war on poverty, and a stop to the war in Vietnam and the submittance of the Nat'l Economic Program to the Congress. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ XU

A. Proposal - [] - XU
That a comic book type text be written on socialism for semi-illiterate working class youth. XU

B. Nine cities summer project - proposals, Baltimore, Chicago (South Side), Cleveland, Youngstown, South Los Angeles (WATTS) People from that area more so than others ... Pittsburgh, Detroit, *Oakland (40% of population Negro... 25% unemployed...no poverty program), Philadelphia. XU

5.. C. NATIONAL ACTION

- March on Washington ...Aug. 28th for the Real War on Poverty & an end to the war in Vietnam...and submittance of Nat'l legislature. XU

COMMENT:

(The DuBois Clubs unofficially control the "Vietnam Day Committee" & the "Nat'l Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam" and plan to mobilize as many as 30,000 persons to march on Washington...to force the Gov't's hand!) XU

SUNDAY

1. CAMPUS - [] XU

"Over the past ten months, the Nat'l Exec. Committee has held a series of discussions with a number of DBC campus activists (in the Bay area). These discussions dealt with a wide range of problems in building DBC movements on the campuses... XU

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and brought to light the need for some general direction to our work in this area....it is apparent that so far we have had no consistent approach or perspective and that until the development of one... our successes will be limited." *FU*

In case you want the rest of the campus picture in much more detail... read "Notes on a Campus Program" which I have prepared. *FU*

Since our real sanctuary now...as members of the "New Left".is on the university campus...we can extend our sphere of socialist influence far and near for a long period...by remaining students. We can remain virtually untouchable doing things "as students" that we could never do as average working capitalists...we can travel across the country from campus to campus with no legal opposition as long as we like...until the completion of the movement. *FU*

2. CONVENTION - *FU*

- June 17, 18. & 19 (registration from noon-Thurs) *FU*

- Election of Officers *FU*

- Each region should send at least one person to Chicago ...at least 3 weeks before the convention. *FU*

- Finances - Hall, food, publicity, entertainment and speakers (estimate: \$7,000 total) *FU*

- Those attending - all DuBois clubs, local people, SDS, YSA, SCLC, PLP, SWP, IWW, NCCTEWN, CCCO, etc. *FU*

- At a hotel (reduced rates) or college (free space) *FU*

- Results hoped for - Convention will set tone for summer project. Set basis for national action. New Constitution. New Preamble action. Moral builder. *FU*

- Speakers Rev. KING, etc. *FU*

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-Structure - Plenary - Peace, Civil Rights, Labor,
Future of DBC, Community Organization, Position
Papers from DBC Point of View. *XU*

- Suggestion - Instead of workshops - topical
group *XU*

Example: Housing, Education & income.

- ☐ - Since we are talking in terms of 1,000
people, I think the estimate for the convention
should be revised to read \$50,000 because we
have to pay rent, food and transportation costs.
Also, I think that we should be able to get
some top left speakers...leaders in labor, civil
rights, religion and education. *XU*

For entertainment we should get ...free...
PETE SEEGER, JOAN BAEZ, BOB DYLAN, JOAN
COLLINS, JAMES BROWN, The Miracles, and/or
the Chad Mitchell trio. *XU*

Suggestion - that all proposals be considered. *XU*

-That a call come from the Nat'l Office. *XU*

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COMMENT:

(One member of ☐ is a DuBois
Club member.. ☐ (or so I overheard) is
in the entertainment section of the Communist Party
...& all of ☐ music & songs are written
by the party as propaganda...the Party, in fact,
controls the entertainment field...and the folk
music presently in vogue is mainly red propaganda
written by Reds). *XU*

3. LEADERSHIP. - ☐ *XU*

1. The main way in which the north-east
has suffered this year is the lack of working-class
youth in a working-class organization. *XU*

2. This is one area in which we have to give
special consideration - Negroes. *XU*

3. Women. *XU*

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It seems to me that if this organization is growing to grow ...these 3 things must be concentrated upon. *4U*

The leadership has suffered from isolation (Labor, Communists & working class youth) *4U*

Recommendations:

1. Regional structure should be made strong. *4U*

2. Communication among clubs improved. *4U*

4. Publications - *4U*

Brochure - to be sent out. *4U*

Insurgent - response, financially, is poor. *4U*

- approach to people who are & who aren't activists. *4U*

- The move to Chicago isn't coming. *4U*

Spur - The most essential organ in the DBC *4U*

Dimensions - Theoretical magazine for all. *4U*

- All publications should have a regional staff -
be directed to

- White working class youth
- High school & grade school
- College students

- have lots of articles & pictures *4U*

- Over-all financially - if money isn't forthcoming, They will all cease to exist due to lack of funds. *4U*

5. Structure *4U*

Los Angeles proposal - Background

- a number of clubs (community & campus) with an area co-ordinator that introduces (co-ordinates) each to the other. *4U*

- An inability to get both the community & campus group interested in demonstrations & programs. *4U*

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-Programs for them from their area of interest...
Labor, peace, culture. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ *CV*

COMMENT:

(At this point in the discussion there was a very unusual occurrence...a fellow who had been around since the beginning of the meeting and who I had noticed copying down reams of notes...suddenly stood up and interrupted the narrative. He was obviously on dope, because he talked strangely and his eyes were glassy). *CV*

Guy -- (Obs) ...all this parliamentary procedure... (Obs) this democratic process...man...we're marxists! We're a socialist movement...you know! We don't have time to waste on this (obs)... Man! I've been listening to this crap and taking notes... and now, this is what I want done!" *CV*

[] - What is this? You can't just cut in like that ...I haven't recognized you...sit down! *CV*

Guy -- (Obs) I'll do what I want to...you know you can't tell me what to do! I've been listening to (obs) and I haven't really said too much...now, have I? Now just let me finish! *CV*

[] - OK, but you've just got 3 minutes! *CV*

Guy - (Obs) ...your three minutes, man...I've got 20 pages of notes here. I'll take as long as I want and don't interrupt... you know! *CV*

COMMENT:

(At this point [] came in with supper and suggested we all eat before it got cold...Nobody moved from their seat for over two hours... and everybody was writing furiously as Guy talked... at times he acted like FIDEL CASTRO acts when giving a speech. Everyone was much more attentive while guy spoke than they had been for any other speaker ...the control of the group quietly slipped from the chairman, [] ...to Guy...who seemed more important than anyone there! (P.S. - the food got kinda cold!) *CV*

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Guy -- "You all talk about how hard it is to raise funds! Well, that's a bunch of (obs). Listen... if I can go to Washington and approach one State representative and get 50 grand...just like that, then why can't you raise a few grand with 3,000 members? *KU*

Man...you got to butter these people up...you know! Tell them what they want to hear, man ... play the roll! Well take their money and their support, man...we'll use them! They won't be around after the revolution, anyway...you know! *KU*

Now this is what we have to do here...how it should be done! -- example: *KU*

(Motion)

1. Before convention a committee (not necessarily nat'l officers) should prepare a job description of nat'l office...to be completed by Apr. 1st to be approved by convention! *KU*
2. The people who take this job elected & appointed, when not proficient...should be called 1st by staff, 2nd by NCC. *KU*
3. That a consistent schedule of meetings be formulated...by NCC, regional & Nat'l Office Staff. *KU*

Suggested Officers:

1. Chairman - One who will represent the DuBois Clubs both at home and abroad. *KU*
2. Vice-Chairman - one who is experienced in community development and campus development. *KU*

"I'm not going to pull any Troika deal....I think 2 should be enough for our purposes. I'm just suggesting these officers & proposals for approval now...but I want them voted in as I say... I'll just appoint these people...but for all practical purposes we'll say they were elected!" *KU*

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3. Treasurer - We'll do away with this silly office - it's a holdover from grammar school, anyway! We'll hire an experienced accountant to handle the cash & papers. *XU*

4. Fund raiser - We'll create this job and hire a professional fund raiser who will deal strictly with fund raising. *XU*

Publications Director *XU*

(Appointed)

- a. Insurgent) Elected by/and/or the
- b. Dimensions) Recommended of the other
- c. Spur) Directors of publications
(they would appoint their staff)

Elected Officers:

- 1. Labor Co-Ordinator (with 2 field secretaries)
- 2. Community Co-Ordinator (with 2 field secretaries)
- 3. Education Director.
- 4. Peace chairman. *XU*

"People in this organization have to run this organization...it is yours...and without you, it doesn't exist!" *XU*

"What's all I've got to say...(obs), man! I left out the best parts because you're all in a hurry to end this meeting...I left out the juice, baby! The real stuff...I didn't really need these notes, you know! They told me what to say before I came here.... That's the way it is!" *XU*

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"If GUY is through with his speech...I'll proceed with the final item on the agenda. We must all work extremely hard for the next few months if we want to pull this thing off this summer. Immediately start implementing the program in your areas as soon as you get back. *XU*

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Our next Nat'l Coordinating Committee (NCC) will be on June 14, 15 & 16th and the Convention will be on June 17, 18 & 19th." *LV*

[redacted] "Before everyone leaves tonight we want you to stick around and watch a movie we brought from the coast...it was filmed by the DuBois Clubs and I'm in it." *LV*

[redacted] --"One more thing -- tomorrow, we are planning to picket the home of [redacted] who lives [redacted] bod Park...try to be here by noon because we'll be taking several cars out there to picket for about an hour. As you know he is responsible for closing the Venice West Cafe in Venice, Calif.. where we had our meetings... [redacted] and [redacted] will appreciate your support." *LV*

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COMMENTS:

(There will be another "Int'l Days of Protest Against the War in Vietnam" on March 25-26. This demonstration to be held internationally will be the biggest...co-ordinated propaganda effort ever devised...in Moscow, where the plan originated." *LV*

There will also be a "SANE March" on April 30th. *LV*

A film currently being pushed by the DuBois Clubs and other communists groups is the propaganda picture, "To Die in Madrid." It was mentioned that other red movies pushed from time to time were: "On the Beach," "7 Days in May" and "Fail Safe." *LV*

Comment by [redacted] - "As of this year...the bay area ran out of leaders- look toward your own areas for left leadership & sponsors." *LV*

Comment by [redacted] - "We started off the biggest civil rights movements & demonstrations in the north ...before the Viet Nam war." *LV*

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[redacted] - Teamster, trade union lecturer-
DuBois Club Organizer in L.A. *SV*

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[redacted] working on peace on Chicago's north
side. *SV*

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DuBois Clubs are trying to get 2 people to work
with [redacted] on the staff of "Southern
Patriot" *SV*

The DuBois Club has been active in week-end retreats
for community youth...sponsored by SCLC. *SV*

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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are three copies of a transcription of the "Firing Line" radio program on station WBBM, Chicago, which was broadcast from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 1966. TOM CLARK is the host of the program and NORMAN THOMAS, coordinator for Northern Illinois for the John Birch Society, was the guest of the program on March 5, 1966.

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Moderator: Now let's pick up on our first call and see what we have here. Your on the air. This is TOM CLARK. Go ahead with your question please.

1st Speaker: Thank you, Mr. CLARK. I am a Negro woman and first I want to ask you this question. Did you read that magazine, that book, that the John Birch Society put out? It wasn't delivered in a Negro neighborhood.

Moderator: They have put out several. I have read several.

1st Speaker: This one that had a lot of stuff in it, I've been looking, I've been on this phone for about 30 minutes, you know waiting, and I couldn't find it but I have it somewhere here in the house.

Moderator: Well, what is your question?

1st Speaker: Well, I want to ask you what is the meaning of the Birch Society, not just for the Negro people, for the white, because in this book it says that do you want them to move in the house with you, do you want them to live next door to you and I just want to know, I don't know, I want to know I guess you hear about the John Birch Society and I want to know what is their goal or what are they working for? What is it, do you know?

Moderator: Well, we've gone through that in the first part of the program, but I'll ask Mr. THOMAS if he wants to brief it up or reply anyway he sees fit.

2nd Speaker: I'm most interested in this publication, you have no idea what the name of it is maam.

1st Speaker: Well I really don't and I have looked through every book. I might have threw it out, but I, listen, I work in Skokie, now we didn't get it. I live in Chicago on the south side,

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1st Speaker (Con't.) Now we didn't get this in Chicago, I mean in the Negro neighborhood, but I did get it out in Skokie and it was published in Morton Grove.

Moderator: And you don't remember the name of it?

1st Speaker: And it has a picture of this man and woman on it. I can't even think of their names. It says, what do you want, do you want them to live in a room in a house with you.

2nd Speaker: Yes, well the point I'm trying to get across in my own mind, I thought you said it was a John Birch Society publication.

1st Speaker: It is.

2nd Speaker: No maam it isn't. This is the thing I'm talking about. It can be

1st Speaker: Well just give me the purpose of the John Birch Society

2nd Speaker: Well our purpose is to work for less government, more responsibility, and we think out of that we'll have a better world.

1st Speaker: Well can you tell me what is communism?

2nd Speaker: Yes maam, it's a criminal conspiracy.

1st Speaker: Criminal?

2nd Speaker: Out to take over the world, uh huh.

1st Speaker: That's what the NAACP is?

2nd Speaker: No, I didn't say that. Tom asked me a question about the NAACP, and I simply pointed out that the only Negro founder of the NAACP, ultimately announced his membership in the Communist Party, and I also indicated to him that a number of

2nd Speaker(Con't): people who have been active at the top, in the NAACP, in the leadership categories, have

1st Speaker: Do you believe that?

2nd Speaker: Well, it's in the record maam, you could check that out for yourself.

1st Speaker: Well do you believe Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and our leaders now our communists?

2nd Speaker: MARTIN LUTHER KING, I know of no indication that he is a member of the Communist Party, but he has consistently surrounded himself with identified communists. I think _____ ODELL for example.

1st Speaker: Excuse me, do you know what we Negro people have been taught that communists are?

2nd Speaker: What?

1st Speaker: That is that we want our rights. I want a right to live, I want rights to sleep, I want right to work and I want honest living. I want an honest living and my husband do to. We have good jobs.

2nd Speaker: Well, now let me ask you this maam.

1st Speaker: That's what we have been taught that communism is, and its certain amount of people don't want us to have. You know Mr. CLARK is one of them?

2nd Speaker: He's one of

1st Speaker: I said Mr. CLARK is one of them. I've been listening to this program ever since WBBM has these calling programs, this is the first time ever I've been on this program. Do you know we've been taught that the black man is just as good as the white man if he'd get out

1st Speaker(Con't): and get an honest living, and a criminal is a criminal if he's black or if he's white.

2nd Speaker: Well maam, let me go back and check one point through with you. I think the thing that you're talking about, the right to achieve as much as you can achieve, the right to have freedom of employment, that's exactly what's guaranteed to you under the Constitution and I.....

1st Speaker: But not in your.....

Moderator: Now let him answer maam.

1st Speaker: Not in your society. Oh, I'm sorry.

2nd Speaker: Now this is exactly what we're talking about and it's the thing I was, we're talking about before the break just recently, that there have been many, many cases of Negroes who have done and who have achieved by their own initiative, by their own hard work...look at the number of colored doctors and lawyers for example. Look at the number of people who have done exceedingly well, probably overcoming many handicaps because they were Negroes, but they did achieve it just as you are doing, and we think the answer is to give every citizen without regard to race or color, the chance to go as far as they can.

Moderator: All right, listen I'm going to interrupt at this point, it's been a good discussion, because we're going to have to move on, we're getting a lot of calls in here now. On to our next call in just a moment. This afternoon at 4:10 join ART on RED WEAVER Sportsline. It's your chance.

Moderator(Con't.): to ask the questions of WBBM's outdoor editor. Where do you plan to spend your vacation, where's the best place for camping? Ask the man who knows, ART and then express your sports opinion to RICK at 5:10 on WBBM Sportsline, 780 on your radio in Chicago.

On the Saturday edition of the current Firing Line, we have Mr. NORMAN THOMAS as our guest, and we'll be ready for our next call in just a moment.

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Mr. NORMAN THOMAS is the Coordinator for Northern Illinois for the John Birch Society, he's our guest today, and we're ready for another call.

You're on the air, can we have your question please?

3rd Speaker:

Good afternoon TOM.

First of all, I'd like to start by telling you I am not a member of the John Birch Society, nor is my husband, but he did come to this country less than ten years ago from Hungary, he escaped under gunfire and what have you, and he is working today so he couldn't call himself to tell you this but he has told me on many occasions as have the people that we have since managed to help escape as recently as this summer, that the Communists are very actively involved in this civil rights program and they teach their people this quite openly in the schools and in their armed forces, they are taught both the physical and the psychological means of getting into these demonstrations

3rd Speaker(Con't): that are already started.. As Mr. THOMAS said they are always instructed to never start anything.

Moderator: All right now, your talking about Negroes in Yugoslavia, is that it?

3rd Speaker: No, no, my husband came from Hungary.

Moderator: From Hungary, now you're talking about Hungary when you're Negroes.

3rd Speaker: No, now they have no Negroes in Hungary. My husband never saw a Negro 'till he came to this country.

Moderator: I see.

3rd Speaker: But what he has said is in the schools there they are taught, and they actually get recruits in the schools in Hungary to come to this country to work in civil rights and any area where they can cause trouble, if there are some areas where religion is a very severe problem, as far as one side, shall we say, against the other, and these people are given specific assignments.

Moderator: Did your husband work for the government in Czecho, excuse me in Hungary?

3rd Speaker: In Hungary, no.

Moderator: Well, I wondered how he knows this is what I'm trying to get at.

3rd Speaker: Well, in school, in the schools, the schools are taught by communists and they after the children separated by the smart and not so smart, shall we say, and the brighter students are put into Communist run schools with Russian professors.

Moderator: Well certainly, because it is a Communist country.

3rd Speaker: Right. Well the lesser students so far as the academic thing, I mean they're put in just regular schools, but the brighter children are put in Russian schools.

Moderator: Um huh.

3rd Speaker: And in these schools these children are, and I mean this is on up through high school and early college.

Moderator: Well the thing I'm wondering is why would he know any more after leaving Hungary and coming to this country, why would he know that there are people who are being trained and sent to this country to teach in schools here as they can, any more than I would know if I left here and went to Russia and said well I know that American teachers are leaving America and they're being brought into this country to teach the American language, the American political philosophy and so on.

3rd Speaker: Well for two reasons, one when he was still there, meaning he was involved in it first hand, and for the second reason we have, as I say, as recently as this past summer, we are continuing to bring people out; his grandparents were brought out just five months ago. His aunt is, well we're in the process of bringing her out for good now. She was here on a visitor's visa this summer and her son is in the Army. Now she told us that her son is taught right in the Army, they are given just like our boys are trained in guerrilla warfare, Viet Nam, for Viet Nam. Their boys in their service are trained, certain of them, I mean not all of them, are trained to infiltrate these mobs in these countries. And then....

Moderator:

I don't doubt the point your making, I'm sure they're trained for this purpose and it being a Communist country I would say that communism is taught every step of the way, but as to their success in getting into this country and in infiltrating and so on I would seriously question that unless I really knew more about it.

Mr. THOMAS I haven't asked you if you have a comment.

2nd Speaker:

I have a whole page here TOM.

Moderator:

All right.

2nd Speaker:

To give you the theoretical background on this whole thing let me quote to you from some of the worlds....

LENIN said this, and I'm quoting: The social revolution cannot come about except in the form of an epic of proletarian civil war against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements including movements of national liberation in the undeveloped, backward and oppressed nations; that's LENIN. STALIN said this and this was the point I was making before and this is the point this lady's making, STALIN said, and I'm quoting: The weakness of the capitalistic world which we can use are its inseparable antagonisms, antagonisms which dominate the whole international situation. And the of course the point I made about BILL FOSTER, in this country, head of the Communist Party, and I'm quoting again from his book "Towards Soviet America": Communist action is based upon the slogan of class against class, well there's their theory; now what we're arguing about, not arguing, but talking about is are they successfully implementing their own theory

2nd Speaker(Con't.):in this country in what they call the civil rights movement. And we would maintain, yes that they are. This again, I want to emphasize this, does not mean that the huge per cent of the people who are duped into helping, probably sincere idealists in many cases, know what they're doing or realize the Communist agitation behind it, but they've set out the theory, they've also laid out the program and we've known that there have been Communists involved in civil rights movement.

Moderator: And we're going to move on to another call. Thank you for your call ma'am. We'll pick up our next call in a moment.

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You're on the air with Mr.THOMAS. Go ahead please.

4th Speaker: Hello, Mr. THOMAS.

2nd-Speaker: Yes.

4th Speaker: First of all, let me say I'm not too familiar with the intentions of the John Birch Society.

Moderator: Could you speak out a little ma'am.

4th Speaker: But after hearing you, today, you seem to be so afraid that communism is taking over, you seem to feel that all the civil rights movements to be infiltrated by communists, I'd like say and quote to you something that I heard last night. He said the one way in which America can assure itself of not being taken over by communists is to make democracy so attractive that no one will be interested in communism. Now if you are really concerned about a communist undertaking, if you are really concerned about communism taking over civil rights movements, why doesn't your

4th Speaker(Con't.):society work to make democracy so attractive for the Negro American that he will not have to worry about the Negro American being interested in Communism.

2nd Speaker: Well, let me say this, I'm not familiar with Dr. CARY, but we're in a major area of conversation here, did he actually say our country was a democracy?

4th Speaker: I don't think we call our country a democracy we know that tradionary version is that we are really a republic.

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am..

4th Speaker: But we are supposed to be a democracy. We're supposed to be working for democracy. And why don't you work, why doesn't your society work to make this our country, our own way of living so attractive that we will not be interested in the communist plan. Frankly, I cannot share your concern about communism..I believe the John Birch Society is unduly alarmed, as a matter of fact I think that they know that they are unduly alarmed that there is a communist under every bed. But if you do feel this way, then I say the one way in which it could be corrected and corrected forever is to make and to live up to what our Constitution says and our Bill of Rights says, to give every man his right as a citizen, let him go as far as his own intellect will take him, as far as his own ambition will him.....

2nd Speaker: I think that in effect was what I said wasn't it ma'am, that the whole purpose of our form of government was to give every person the opportunity to achieve as much as he could. Now in a democracy, you keep talking about a democracy, and I want to go back, this is one of my favorite topics, we're not a

2nd Speaker(Con't.):democracy, we were never supposed to be, and let me just to tell you what we're talking about; a lynch mob is democracy in action, did you ever think about that? We all voted to hang you. You lost the vote. Now that's democracy in action with no regard for minority rights. But to make it a little bit more official, let me give you a definition of democracy: A government of the masses, authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of direct expression, results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic, negating property rights.

4th Speaker: I beg your pardon, who's definition is this?

2nd Speaker: Well this comes out of the War Department's Training Manual Number 2000-25.

4th Speaker: In the general vernacular we speak about what is democracy. You and I understand what we mean by democracy and we....

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am, I understand what you mean by democracy.

4th Speaker: do not mean by democracy the definition that you are giving there.

2nd Speaker: Then you won't argue with me if I call a cow a pig, will you. It's just a little difference of opinion, they're all four legged.

4th Speaker: Look, we know exactly what you think of democracy and I speak of our country as a democracy, you know what I mean. We do not mean it in the sense that you've just given me.

2nd Speaker: There is no basis of fact for calling our country a democracy. The founding fathers

2nd Speaker(Con't.):were very clear.....

4th Speaker: It is called a democracy.....

2nd Speaker: No ma'am.

4th Speaker: We do not call ourselves a democracy?

2nd Speaker: There are people who may think that, apparently as you do, that we have a democracy, and that's our form of government, the founding fathers very clearly pointed out that they didn't want a democracy.

4th Speaker: Well, then all right, I'll grant you then, if you don't want to call it a democracy, then call it anything you like.....

2nd Speaker: I call it a Constitutional Republic.

4th Speaker: Still our Constitution is supposed to guarantee the right of every citizen in this country. Okay if you don't want to call it a democracy, I don't care what you call it.

2nd Speaker: Every citizen of what.....

4th Speaker: If you want to make, if you felt that this way of government is exactly, then why not make it effective, and the best way for every citizen of the country, instead of just a few. You say you do not Dr. you do not know who Dr. CARY is, but you do say that you spoke a little while ago of some of your friends who were Negro leaders. Now could you tell me one name of one of these Negro leaders?

2nd Speaker: I don't think I said I had friends who are Negro leaders.

2nd Speaker(Con't.): I mentioned a number of Negro leaders.

4th Speaker: Do you know in friends in the, who have spoken at Birch Society meetings and the Negro leaders have told you that they had never seen such.....

2nd Speaker: No ma'am, I don't think I said that.

4th Speaker: White hatred extremists.

2nd Speaker: I mentioned a conversation I had with Miss JULIA BROWN, who.....

4th Speaker: JULIA BROWN?

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am, who.....

4th Speaker: Can you tell me some other people that you consider Negro leaders?

2nd Speaker: Well I was mentioning that specific conversation, I didn't mention any conversation with Negro leaders as I recall.

4th Speaker: Well who was it that gave you the idea there was a great feeling of Negro hatred for whites now, more than there had ever been before the civil rights movement?

2nd Speaker: I said in my conversation with Miss JULIA BROWN as a colored lady, who served the FBI in the Communist Party, for as I recall 9 years, she mentioned that she is seeing an increase in the amount of anti-white feeling among many of her colored friends and this concerns her greatly, and I think that....

4th Speaker: That the influx of anti-white. Could it possibly be that that feeling has been there all the time and that finally expressed and if it has been there, can you very well blame us?

2nd Speaker: Well ma'am.....

4th Speaker:I know we supposed to love people who misuse you but is it easy to do? Nobody has to teach me to hate you. Nobody has to teach me to hate the white man. The white man taught me that years ago. The white man taught that by keeping his foot on my neck. He taught me that bymy great grandfather. Nobody has to teach me to hate you.

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am I certainly hope you're working against these feelings; we're sure trying to, because that's the kind of thing that brings about,

Moderator: Well I think we're going to move on to another call here. These points have been made now, and we're going to move on to another call. Thank you for your call ma'am. Did you have any additional comments you wanted to make along these lines, Mr. THOMAS?

2nd Speaker: Well, this is the thing that bothers me TOM that the success that the Communists have had in creating an animosity which doesn't necessarily have to be there and shouldn't be there. And I am afraid, I always hate to comment after the lady, you know, when she doesn't have a chance to talk back, but this is the thing we're trying to overcome. I pointed out the Communists make use of agitation and of problems and I'm afraid this lady in her way has fallen for the racists propaganda that the Communists have

2nd Speaker(Con't.): been putting out, just as so many white people have. And this is the danger.. This is the thing we're trying to get everybody to be aware of. Look, don't fall for the sucker bait. Don't bite for the Communist bit. Let us work together and overcome the problems that we do have, and I'm not discounting the problems at all. But let us do it.

Moderator: We'll pick up our next call in just a moment.

Commercial.

You're on the air your question please.

5th Speaker: Mr. THOMAS?

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am.

5th Speaker: I want to ask you something about the American Opinion Library Stores . Are they individually owned or individually staffed?

2nd Speaker: The American Opinion Library Bookstores, and we have 4 in the Chicago area, Glenview, Lombard, River Forest and Homewood, they are projects of the John Birch Society. They are financed, owned and operated by members in the area.

5th Speaker: Well I'd like to tell you an experience I had with your store on Ridge Avenue, which is now closed. I went in there one evening, it was only open in the evenings and during the day on Saturday, I was going by and I wanted to look around, I was the only person in there and the young man in charge was on the phone and I looked around. He got off the phone and he asked what I was looking for and I said I just wanted to look at the books. I like to see both sides of a question. He said well what type of

5th Speaker (Con't.): literature are you looking for. And I said well what do you mean what type. He said how extreme. Why do you have different degrees of extremism conservatism. He said well we have some on this counter. He didn't know me from ADAM. I am not a John Bircher. I'm not anything, except what I believe in and he pulled out some of the worst trash, it's what I would call pornographic actually, that stirred hatred, race hatred, religious hatred, all kinds of things. The book called Selma, that it's actually obscene. He pulled out things of RICHARD Conservative Youth. Why he had all kinds of things underneath.

Moderator: All right, I'm going to interrupt you there and ask for his comment because we only have a minute left in this portion of the program.

2nd Speaker: I'm wondering, are you talking about the publication that was put out by the Chamber of Commerce of Selma, Alabama, called "Section Civil Rights Movements".

5th Speaker: No, it was called "Selma" by ROBERT MITELL (phonetic), that was just pure pornography.

2nd Speaker: Well, this is the story of what took place on the so-called 'Selma March.

5th Speaker: Yes well he said that

2nd Speaker: I think those were affidavits, weren't they, about the sexual orgies. Is that the one you're talking about.

5th Speaker: But this wasn't the only thing, he had anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, anti-everything.

2nd Speaker: Now let me ask you this, are you talking about stuff that he may have given you or stuff that was stocked by the American Opinion Library:

5th Speaker: It was stocked there. He had it all.

2nd Speaker: No ma'am, I know that some.....

5th Speaker: He was a very stupid man incidently.

2nd Speaker: That's, you're certainly entitled to your opinion, but I don't and I'm sure your not going to find that that's anything promoted by the John Birch Society. We have specifically discounted RICHARD COTTEN and his activities.

Moderator: Ma'am I am sorry I have to interrupt. I gave you forewarning, we're out of time for this portion. Thank you for your call.

End of first portion of show.

Second portion of show.

Moderator: Thus far we've discussed generally the Birch Society operations, its view of civil rights, that is as it applies to the demonstrations and so on, that have been going on these past couple of years.

Let's take off this second part Mr. NORMAN THOMAS if we may by talking about something that I believe I read out of the Anti-Defamation League periodical or bulletin. They tried to draw a parallel line between the John Birch Society and Communism itself and they sort of draw the old line of SHAKESPEARE, who said, you protest too much. They tried to parallel your operations

Moderator(Con't.): to that of Communism, saying that really your ultimate goal is to take over the government and infiltrate yourself into Washington and so on. Give us an answer on that.

2nd Speaker: Okay. This incidently. They just simply picked up the Communist line. You know through the years, the Communists, the worst thing the Communists could say about you is that you're like the Communist and this is, oh for just years and years. The ADL for some reason has chosen to pick this same approach up, but the point that I think should be obvious to anyone who understands that we're working for less government, more responsibility, if we're successful in promoting that concept to a vast majority of the American public, what is there to take, I mean, no point in taking over less government, because throughout all of history, and I should think the ADL would be more aware of this than anyone else with HITLER in mind, the two components of any tyranny have been amoral men controlling big government. This is tyranny over and over again, so if you don't have big government, then these amoral men simply become common criminals. They don't go into the government. So that the point is ridiculous, on the face of the thing.

Moderator: All right. Do you really think there is the amount of, obviously you do, but the Communist conspiracy you talk about, do you think they are at this point in danger of actually taking over this country? Do you think its possible for Communism to take over this country?

2nd Speaker:

I have seen many more country after country go down the drain to Communism, primarily since August, 1945, Tom, but I want to point out to you listeners. The Communists aren't that good and never have been. They aren't nine feet tall but are organized and are working for a specific goal which is world domination, and the vast majority of the citizens of the world in various countries are disorganized. Gee, nobody's for Communism except of course the hard-core Communists and their sympathizers, but the vast majority of the people in Czechoslovakia, the vast majority of the people in Russia, for example, are not Communists are not opposed to Communism. Gee, the people living under Communism hate Communism the most. This three to four per cent of the top have been able, by being organized and working on a specific program, to take over country after country. Of course it is a threat, but the point we're making is that it doesn't have to happen by simply exposing this handful of conspiracists for what they are. That's all we're talking about. That is why, as I say, we are not for profitable education organization and we have borne the brunt of the attack by the Communists and their friends. All we're talking about is finding out what Communism is plus learning about and promoting our own system, our own constitutional republic and our own free enterprise system which correlates with it. This gives the citizens of the United States are better off by any measure you want to use. You can stick strictly to the materialistic standpoint if you want too: -TV sets, radios, airplanes, automobiles. We are better off than any society in the history of mankind and I think we should be promoting in talking about that, more than knocking our country. It is disconcerting to me to hear leaders of the country knocking our form of government and knocking our achievements and so on, and so forth. Let's talk about what we've done

2nd Speaker:

because we're the greatest country in the world. There's no question about that.

Could I go back for a minute, TOM, to the last phone call; the lady who called in about the book store. I obviously, in a situation like that, have no idea what transpired, but it's a point I think should be covered. She mentioned that, I think, anti-Semitic literature was shown to her and anti-Catholic. Well, in the John Birch Society we have now and had in the beginning, a priest on the Council of the John Birch Society, which is the top governing body. We have a number of Jewish members. As a matter of fact, just a few weeks ago a number of our Jewish members got together and formed the Jewish Society of Americanists. We're trying to encourage more and more of our Jewish fellow citizens to join with us in this struggle to oppose oppression being done. I might point out to you, and we are most pleased with this, we are getting more and more colored citizens to go on our American Opinion Speakers Bureau. LEONARD PATTERSON, Moscow trained Communist who was taught these revolutionary street fighting tactics in the Lenin School in Moscow; he's GUS STALL's roommate, incidently, over there as I understand it. I would like very much when we bring LEONARD PATTERSON to town, if you have a free spot on one of your shows and let him tell what he was taught as a Negro Communist in Moscow. He broke with the Party, of course, obviously.

Moderator:

Very fine, we'd love to have him and we'll keep in contact along this line. But you raised a point here that also I can find some fault with. For example, you're very willing to go back in 1928 and quote somebody who was a Communist at that time, whether he's responsible for one of the first civil rights movements or whether he was just a man who was

Moderator:

for Communism at that time and you point to him and you say, you know, he was there and he in Communism and this is wrong. But why then are you willing to guys you just spoke about, who were Communists and who have seen the light, let's say. But if you take thirty years, go back in history, don't you think a great many of these men who took advantage of the Communist Movement, which that time was no danger, I mean everybody was, not everybody, but many people, were joining the Communist Party back in the thirties and the twenties, and they didn't realize, I think, what it was and many men had joined and when they found out they left the Communist Party. But they had suffered to an extent for this. So why is it right to go back to 1928 and say, "Hah, this man was a Communist" and why is it right for you to say "Well, this man was trained in Moscow but now he's speaking for us".

2nd Speaker:

Well, I think the differentiation is this, the question is well taken. Many people were duped into joining the Communist Party. The lady I mentioned, JULIA BROWN, thought she was joining a civil rights movement, got home and read the card that she joined the Communist Party. Went to the FBI right away. The differentiation between having, well let's say, being conned into joining either a Communist front or a Communist Party, the Communist Party itself, and then breaking with it, people like LEONARD PATTERSON, a Negro, and MAMI JOHNSON, a Negro, broke with the Party and have given valuable testimony concerning the Party's operation and particularly the Party's activities within the so-called civil rights movement. Anybody can make a mistake and these people have tried to rectify it. That seems to be an important differentiation. I think, as I pointed out initially, in the so-called civil rights movement the Communists have been extremely successful in getting dupes and idealists to do their dirty work for them. This has been

2nd Speaker:

the key to their success. They aren't that good by themselves but they can con people into doing the dirty work for them, and I think this is the important thing we've got to consider, and we've got to also take a look a person did he unknowingly join some party or join some front and get burned once and break with it, and did he do his best to bring out the facts about the mistake he made. That's very important. Everybody's entitled to a mistake. Did you attempt to correct and justify that, or in fact repent for that mistake....

Moderator:

You've got to admit, however, that it takes varying degrees to recognize this, for example, you can join an organization you may not be an active member, you get a card, you fill it out and you stick it in your billfold and you go along for a couple of years, if you don't go to any meetings, you just join the organization. I'm not a joiner. I never have been, but you go around with this card in your pocket and it may be two years before you discover what this is all about then you quit. But this doesn't help a lot of guys who appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee and were charged with being a card carrying member of the Communist Party or a front organization and it literally ruined it. Now, their intentions may have been good at the time. Maybe they didn't know.

2nd Speaker:

Well TOM, I think the significant point here, again using example, you talk about what mortifically happens is this: A person in the community receives a phone call and he's told that Mr. so and so suggested that he call you. "We're starting a committee here for peace and democracy. You're for peace and democracy, aren't you?" And the guy says, "Yah, I guess so", and he says, "Well, maybe we can use your name as a sponsor", and the guy says "Okay". He never

2nd Speaker:

hears anything more about it. Oh, maybe an add appears in "The Worker" by this group, this committee, and his name is listed there as a sponsor and about three or four years later, it is determined that this was a lock, stock and barrel Communist operation and here this poor man was duped into it. Typically, I think it is a natural reaction that the next time a guy calls you, boy, you're going to be very cautious about letting him use your name. Sure you got burned once. Now these people who appear before the House Committee, typically, have a long pattern of Communist front affiliations over most of their adult life, for example, or they are being identified under oath as a member of the Communist Party. Now that's a totally different thing. I'm not talking about the guy who got stigery. I think this is the important differentiation.

Moderator:

We'll take up that first phone call on the second portion of the "Firing Line" in just a moment.

Now we're ready for another call.....

6th Speaker:

Mr. THOMAS. You brought up that the original Communist Party group was in Michigan in 1922.

2nd Speaker:

Yes, Sir.

6th Speaker:

Are there any members of that original group still living today?

2nd Speaker:

WILLIAM FOSTER was there. Course he's dead.

6th Speaker:

Who was that?

2nd Speaker:

WILLIAM C. FOSTER.

6th Speaker:

Are you familiar with any other, I've heard that mentioned before, I don't know if that was 1922, I'm not sure of the year, but that the original group apparently had been raided by the FBI?

2nd Speaker: By Federal authorities and by the Michigan State Police. They were all involved in this raid over there.

6th Speaker: You don't know who the members were or where that information could be gotten?

2nd Speaker: I'm just trying to think. I would suggest right off hand that you drop a note to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is a book that covers those in attendance but I can't think of the name of it. It was one written back in those days, and I can't think of the name of it. But I would suggest that you either write the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Congressman WILLIS, or write to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and ask them if they know. Or if you would like....

6th Speaker: Would the American Opinion Library have information of that....

2nd Speaker: They may very well, I just can't think of a source. You might do this. Drop a note to our Research Department in Belmont, Massachusetts, John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and ask them a source of the list of those in attendance there.

6th Speaker: Alright, that would be good. Thank You.

Moderator: Could we have your question for Mr. THOMAS please.

7th Speaker: Yes. I'd like to make a comment on a comparison of thoughts I had towards the John Birch Society and Communism. I, being American born of Russian parents who had deserted Russia and fled for their lives, I have something that I have to hold dear to, the fact that my folks were able to come to this country and six of their children, including myself, have a wonderful country to hold and stand by. Now, the John

7th Speaker:

Birch Society, I'm not a member of, and when I say member, member by heart or by part. I stand with them 100 per cent and what they want and what they believe in because it is what we believe as American citizens, and as far as the Communistic part, my folks have told me. while in Russia there are a Jewish race of people that are very dark-skinned people and they were persecuted as what they call "black devils". They were whipped, their stores were torn apart, their windows broken and they were beaten publically, to the point where they had to flee. All right, that's one thing. There were some black-skinned people who were not Jewish and in Russia at the time my folks were there, these people too were persecuted. My mother said she remembered once a black-skinned man was marched through the streets with nothing but a little piece of material hiding him from the public and she said this was terrible. They didn't understand what was going on or why all this? Now, Communists are here, as I understand, infiltrating the civil rights march and everything. Why did our folks run and other people run from a country like that, because of hate. Because of dislike for race and color, and yet, when I hear our American Negroes are eating this stuff up and are going along with it and saying that we're taught in school that Communism means jobs and equality for all. Communism didn't mean that at all for the people who are in that country and other countries ruled by Russia.

Moderator:

May I ask you ma'am, can you give us a date on the time you were telling us about your parents over in Russia?

7th Speaker:

Well my father is in his middle 60's now and he came here when he was 18.

Moderator: Well would that have been about the time of the Russian Revolution?

7th Speaker: That's right.

Moderator: Well, it was a little difficult to know just what Communism stood for. It seems to me....

7th Speaker: It was a confusion and from what my father says now and as a very good American, he said that if people only knew that the Communists will take the weakest of the people, not the strongest, and work on them; the lazy or the poor and these are considered weak people to Russia, Communists. And they will work on them and say, well you should have more than this, you don't have to work that hard for it, we should all share in the work for it.

Moderator: All right, may I ask Mr. THOMAS if he has any comments.

2nd Speaker: I'm sure you recall a couple years ago when the African students at the Lenin Institute in Moscow were complaining about discrimination. So discrimination is still being practiced in the Soviet Union. If you want to go into it in a little more detail, and this might be very interesting to you, there is a publication available from the Government Printing Office called "The Soviet Union, Prison House of Nations" in which they talk about the discriminatory practices of the Communists against the various nationality groups in what is now the USSR. It is an appalling story.

Moderator: I think it has been known for a long time, despite the fact that Soviet Russia has been on our backs for our discrimination and our prejudice for a long time that it has existed and still does exist in the Soviet Union.

8th Speaker: Have you read the story of W.E. DU BOIS' life?

2nd Speaker: What book are you thinking of ma'am?

8th Speaker: Well, there are many books out. I don't know the name of this particular book, but I do want to know if you had read his life story.

2nd Speaker: I don't recall reading a book on his life. Is this an autobiography or a biography? I've read a number of things about W.E. DU BOIS, primarily from Communist sources, incidently. But I don't recall specifically reading his autobiography, if that's what your talking about ma'am.

8th Speaker: Well, I feel that it is very unfortunate that you have only read the books from the Communist point of views.

2nd Speaker: He was active in the Communist movement. He was a great Communist hero, as I'm sure you know and most of the material I read about him came from Communist sources.

8th Speaker: Well, I would like to say this, that W.E. DU BOIS unfortunately at the end of his life span, went the Communist way. The beginning of his lifetime he was a big man. He was a scholar, he was a writer, he was a great meteorologist. He was very disappointed at the fact that having achieved the success he had, he was not allowed to enter the main stream of American life, that is to be a first class citizen; just as other Negroes, say like Dr. PERCY JULIAN, who I'm sure you are familiar with. Now he....

2nd Speaker: I went to DePaul University and I believe Dr. JULIAN did too, if my memory serves me correctly.

8th Speaker: Well, now you know the trouble he had when he tried to obtain a home in a suburb.

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am, isn't that what I said, that there is discrimination. We're not denying that.

8th Speaker: But I think that you should also emphasize the positive side of these people, too. It is very unfortunate that this happened to W.E. DU BOIS but now I think you should also look at the reason why and I think that fortunately most of the majority of Negroes, famous Negroes, like JACKIE ROCKSON, WEAVER and others, have remained true to this government and this is the thing I feel that you should be emphasizing instead of the negative aspects.

2nd Speaker: I tried to ma'am. I think it is a tremendous tribute to our Negro population that they haven't bought this Communist line.

8th Speaker: But you don't go, you don't emphasize this all the time. Usually all you emphasize is the bad aspects of the Communist infiltrating the civil rights movement. Now, I know that this seems to be the case that the Communists pick the groups that are in the public eye and etc., but I think that for the most part, the civil rights movement has rejected Communist infiltration.

2nd Speaker: Well, I wouldn't be in agreement with you on that. I think it has been led by Communist influences and this is the point that I am making ma'am.

9th Speaker: I would like to ask Mr. THOMAS why the John Birch Society seems to label anyone Communist if they disagree with them. I was thinking primarily of Ex-President EISENHOWER.

2nd Speaker:

Now, ma'am, you've bitten on the old conditioned reflex. Haven't you? The John Birch Society has never taken a stand on former President EISENHOWER or his activities. I assume you are thinking about is this: You are talking about a book which is now available to anyone who wants to buy it called "The Politician", which was written by ROBERT WELCH. It was started as a six page memorandum four years before the John Birch Society was founded. It is available now. It contains, I think, 492 pages. I'm sure it has been one of the most meticulously combed books in the history of publishing and so far nobody has found an error in it. So I suggest you get a hold of a copy of "The Politician" and read and then judge for yourself. See which of these several possibilities he offers you about Mr. EISENHOWER's record. See, here again you got this idea that the John Birch Society has called people Communist and right off the bat the one example you come up with is in error. And this is the kind of thing we're talking about. It's kind of a conditioned response, isn't it?

9th Speaker:

Well, no, not exactly. It was recorded in all the newspapers and radios:....

2nd Speaker:

Ma'am, we haven't got enough time to talk about the smear of the John Birch Society and again as I say, it's kind of a conditioned response, isn't it? But let me give you this bit of history which you might find interesting. On February 25, we just had an anniversary, on February 25, 1961, the "Peoples World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, launched the attack on the John Birch Society, that was the first time it ever was mentioned in the Communist press. This was a direct outgrowth of a meeting in Moscow.

2nd Speaker:

on December 6, 1960. "Peoples World", the Communist publication, launched the attack on the John Birch Society. One week later "Time Magazine" picked up the attack on the Society and made some of the same errors about it that the Communist paper made. Within a month of that date over 100 of the major metropolitan newspapers in this country picked up the attack on the John Birch Society. Course, I could go into HUNTLEY, BRINKLY, CRONKITE, HOWARD K. SMITH and the others, "Time", "Life", "Look", "Newsweek", "Chicago American", "New York Times", interestingly enough, ma'am, if you'll check it out, you'll find the same publications, the same people who attacked the Society have consistently been in error about Communism. I would suggest you go back and read the "New York Times" about eight years ago when HERB MATTHEWS, a Cuban Correspondent, was telling you that FIDEL CASTRO was the JOSE MARTIA of Cuba, or you can go back to about 30 years ago when these same publications were telling you that MAUL SATONG was simply an agrarian reformer. And interesting enough, that's one side of the pattern, if you go back to the other side anybody who has been staunchly anti-Communist has gotten the smear treatments through the years. So there's a pattern there and you've been, obviously, you're subject to the major news media for your news and your source of information. The only point I'm making here is that there is a pattern such as the one I described, and hope you check it out.

Moderator:

Well, since the media has been involved, may I ask you a question, Mr. THOMAS, if it wasn't directly an accusation that President EISENHOWER was a Communist, wasn't it indicated that he had Communist leadings and in the original book, I don't remember whether this appeared, has it not been changed since that time?

2nd Speaker:

The whole book is simply a review of Mr. EISENHOWER's life-long public record. It's IKE's records, not Mr. WELCH's, and after going through that life-long record at the end of the book Mr. WELCH said, well how can you account for a lifetime like this. He said well, one possibility would be that male is a conscious, dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy. That would certainly fit the pattern and frankly, it would.

Moderator:

Has this been proven since then?

2nd Speaker:

I don't know in the publication itself whether he actually said that or not but he made a note, you know, that this would be a possibility, but he said if you can't buy that, he would have no argument with you except that IKE was just a sharp politician; just going along with the boys in the back room to advance his own career, without regard to what the consequences might be. And again, that would certainly fit the pattern. And, of course, this goes directly against the EISENHOWER image. You know, IKE a sharp politician, that just doesn't fit the image. That's what the whole book's about, an image of a man. I might point this out to you ma'am: Where did you get your image of the John Birch Society? From the same news media that had built up EISENHOWER.

9th Speaker:

I don't belong to any society. I prefer to think and act as an individual, but I was listening to you a couple weeks ago on a Friday, talking about priests, and I was very interested in it, and I found so many arguments, and I have today listening to you, as again, an individual. I'm not even a citizen of this country, but I think it's a wonderful country and I just find so many arguments. And this Mr. WELCH, he's also a member of this society.

2nd Speaker: He founded it, yes ma'am.

9th Speaker: But, who says that he, you said that he's written this book, why should you say that it's fact?

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am, he's got 72 pages of footnotes in it with a documentation, and as I say, nobody has been able to catch him in an error of fact yet. I think this is the important thing. You tend to judge a man by his record and while the "New York Times" is telling you that FIDEL CASTRO was the modern day liberator, ROBERT WELCH, at that same time in founding the John Birch Society says that FIDEL CASTRO was a Communist, as he visibly has been all his life. Now, he devotes about the first forty pages of the bluebook which is a transcript of the two day meeting which resulted in the founding of the John Birch Society to giving the analysis of how Communism is advancing throughout the world. He talks about bombing and criminal of Ghana and many others. He was calling the shots and calling them pretty accurately, while "Time", "Life", "Look", "Newsweek", and the others were kind of missing.

Moderator: Okay, we're going to move on to another call.

10th Speaker: Mr. THOMAS. The John Birch Society is extremely critical of the civil rights movement in America.

2nd Speaker: The Communist aspect of it, yes sir.

10th Speaker: What are you doing constructively to help the plight of the Negro in America?

2nd Speaker: Well, we're trying to encourage them, as many outstanding Negroes have done including BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, you notice, he's never taked about by the civil rights agitator. They look down upon BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, but he pointed out that the Negroes have a tough

2nd Speaker: long road ahead of them as I emphasized earlier in the program. They have done a tremendously outstanding job I think of bettering themselves and they've done it on their own, by their own initiative, and that's the story of this whole country.

10th Speaker: But is the Birch Society doing anything active as far as their membership is concerned, to preaching of brotherly love rather than agitation towards their Negro fellow man?

2nd Speaker: Well, let me give you one small but tangible thing that we're doing. I mentioned the colored former Communist MAMI JOHNSON.

10th Speaker: Forgetting about the Communist aspect, I'm just talking about man to man.

2nd Speaker: Well, I'm talking about a MANNING JOHNSON Scholarship Fund, which we have set up, which is open to Negro students in this country. It's a very modest, it amounts to about a thousand dollars a year, but it is a step in the direction that we think is going to bring the greatest advance to our colored citizens.

10th Speaker: Also you mentioned, on a previous call, commenting on the Selma March, about the document that book, that came out by the Chamber of Commerce itself. Why don't you mention about the testimony that was given by the priests and the nuns regarding the complete denunciations of these remarks, these documented...?

2nd Speaker: Well the point that I made and I wasn't quite sure what the lady was talking about, there was a publication put out by the, as I recall it, Selma, Alabama Chamber of Commerce, called "Sex in the Civil Rights Movement, The Untold Story of Selma", and

2nd Speaker: those are affidavits of people who were present, and that's their statement made under oath. Now as I recall, were any of these statements refuting this, made under oath, by any of these clergy that were down there? As I recall they not, they just simply made statements to the newspapers, refuting them, is that right?

10th Speaker: Well, no they did, they testified that...

2nd Speaker: Do you recall where they testified. I can't remember that any of them testified. I don't recall any investigation...

10th Speaker: But this is the shame of this thing, because a remark is made giving one side of a view, and you folks conveniently leave out the other part of the story.

2nd Speaker: Well, the point I'm making sir, is this I'm not standing up for this publication I just, I have seen it....

10th Speaker: Well, you certainly propound it, everything I read in the papers.....

2nd Speaker: Well, I have seen it, I have read the thing, I have read the affidavits. Now these are simply statements of people who were down there. Just as they had, they made a statement, which was sworn to and notarized, so the people refuting it have the right to make that same statement. To the best of my knowledge, none of them have made any formal affidavits, denying it. They've simply made statements to the press, which does not constitute an affidavit. The unresolved.....

10th Speaker:

Well, the Chamber of Commerce was not participating in the march, but the nuns and the priests that testified, in regards to complete refutation of these remarks and the congressman from Alabama, that got up on the floor in the House, and was, and came up with the vilest kind of remarks, and was almost shouted down by the other members of Congress. These things, you completely leave out of the remarks and innuendoes that are made.

2nd Speaker:

Well, sir, I think the important thing here is if these charges have been made and they are not true, then the leaders of that civil right movement should demand a complete investigation and have all the charges brought out, and properly refute them, in either a court of law or under some kind of a recognized judicial program. And as I'm sure you know, last week in connection with the investigation of the Klan, the first ones to scream about the charges of contempt of Congress against the 5th Amendment pleaders from the Klan were the staunch advocates of the Civil Rights Program, and the reason they advanced was, well, if we press the Klan, then maybe somebody will want to investigate some of the civil rights movements and we don't want that.

10th Speaker:

No this wasn't the reason at all.

2nd Speaker:

Well, that was the reason advanced in the "Chicago Tribune" article that I saw sir.

10th Speaker:

Exactly, but the reasons that are advanced by more liberal thinking papers in their editorials.

2nd Speaker: Well, now did these men say that this was a reason or not. This was a quote as I recall, that's what we're talking about.

10th Speaker: Well, again you're making a statement regarding a specific point of view from your.....

2nd Speaker: I'm quoting, as a matter of fact it was FITZRYAN from New York, the Congressman from New York that I'm thinking about. JOHN FITZRYAN, is that his name. He was the one who very specifically made that point and it seems to me that if there's a difference of opinion, then very serious charges have been hurled, it would behoove the appropriate authorities to conduct a complete investigation of the situation, don't you think?

10th Speaker: Well, perhaps, I think the reason why the civil rights people don't want the investigation of the Klan to go any further because it is in complete disagreement with the tactics and the motives of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

2nd Speaker: Well, let me ask you this sir, do you think the Klan is subversive?

10th Speaker: Yes, I do.

2nd Speaker: Well, how are we going to determine that unless there is a complete investigation of the Klan?

10th Speaker: Well, through a Federal Bureau of Investigation...

2nd Speaker: Well, they're using, I think sir, and this is important, maybe we should take the time TOM. The FBI only gathers evidence, it's up to either the Attorney General, through the court system or an authorized committee of the Congress to bring the facts out to the public, and that's what the House

2nd Speaker: Committee was trying to do on the Klan and they were in effect thwarted by some of the supporters of the civil rights movement in the Congress.

10th Speaker: Yes, because they believe that tactic isn't useful in a democracy or a republic.

Moderator: Well, gentlemen, we're getting to the rehash point, we better move on to another call. Thanks for your call sir.

You're on the air, can we have your question please?

11th Speaker: Yes, I would like to ask Mr. THOMAS, what the association is between the John Birch Society and TACT?

2nd Speaker: TACT. You're talking about our Truth About Civil Turmoil Program. This is an agenda item in the bulletin of the John Birch Society. We suggest to members and to anyone who's interested in bringing out the truth about civil turmoil, that they go together and form ADHOC Committees in their own communities to bring out this information on the communist infiltration in the civil rights movement.

11th Speaker: Why is this separated from the John Birch Society?

2nd Speaker: For the simple reason, that you have many people, and the whole purpose of an Ad Hoc Committee is to get as many people together who agree on one specific point or program, to work on that program. Now they could be in total disagreement on everything else, but they are in agreement on this one specific thing, and so they get together, work on that, and that's the extent of their association. I think

2nd Speaker: the committee of one million which includes such diverse personalities as Senator PAUL DOUGLAS, and then some of the more conservative elements in this country, is an example of an Ad Hoc Committee. They're opposing the admission of Red China to the UN. That's what they agree on. They may not agree on anything else, and that's what an Ad Hoc Committee is, and that's what we have encouraged our members to do with these TACT Committees.

Moderator: Gentlemen, we're almost out of time, I

11th Speaker: Could I have one more question TOM?

Moderator: Briefly, if you please.

11th Speaker: All right. I've been told that TACT was formed with the idea of possibly getting in on the School Board to some of the local governments. Is that true or not?

2nd Speaker: No sir, I would suggest you get a hold of a copy of the bulletin of the John Birch Society, which is available either by writing the Belmont or visiting one of our American Opinion Libraries and read the whole program for yourself, and you'll see exactly what's outlined there.

11th Speaker: And TACT is in there?

2nd Speaker: Yes sir.

11th Speaker: Okay, thank you very much.

Moderator: Thank you for your call sir.

Moderator:

Well, I think it is important for the individual to look at both sides and make up his own mind. We're out of time, I'd like to thank our guest for being on our special edition of the Saturday program of the current Firing Line, Mr. NORMAN THOMAS, Coordinator for Northern Illinois for the John Birch Society. It was a pleasure having you sir.

2nd Speaker:

Thank you.

Moderator:

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